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RESURRECTION SCENE St. Matthew, Chap. XXVIII "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and rolled the stone from the door, and sat upon it. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
"And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
"He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
"And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him."

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April

Oh, sweet and pretty April,
The lovely Summer flowers
Owe more than they can ever tell
To your inspiring showers.

Crumbs of Comfort

All our requests should be lost in one: "Father thy will be done."

Virtue, that must be always watched, is scarcely worth the watching.

Trust God where you cannot trace Him. The mystery is God's; the premise is yours.

There was never a heart truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassion-

The first point of wisdom is to discern that which is false; the second to know that which is true.

Writing down your secrets is like throwing a stone in the air; you never know where it will fall.

It is generally admitted and frequently proved that all a man's best qualities come from his mother.

Your weeds, I notice, are strong and tall
In spite of all your prayers;
You may pray for corn till the heavens fall,
If you don't dig up the tares. —Lester.

If honor be your clothing it will last you a lifetime; but if clothing be your honor it will soon wear threadbare.

Nature never mars her creatures with some deformity or defect, that she does not lay her poppies plentifully on the bruise. The world is a great book of which they who never stir from home read only a page, and yet they who read it most are not the happiest.

Life is girt all around with a zodiac of sciences, the contributions of men who have perished to add their point of light to our sky.

As the sword of the best tempered metal is the most flexible, so the truly generous are most pliant and courteous in their behavior to their inferiors.

Two hands upon the breast,
And labor's done;
Two pale feet crossed in rest,
The race is won.

-Muloch. If a man has a right to be proud of anything it is of a good action done, as it ought to be done without any base interest lurking at the

There is ever a certain languor attending the fulness of prosperity. When the heart has no more to wish for it yawns over its possession and the energy of the soul goes out like flame that has no more to devour.

COMFORT'S Calendar for April

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR APRIL.

Is April Your Birthmonth

April is the fourth month of the modern year, but until the time of the Julian calendar it was the second. It contains thirty days. The derivation of the name is not definitely known, but it is supposed by some to come from the Latin words omnia aperit, "it opens everything," referring of course, to the opening of Spring. Among the Romans the month was sacred to Venus and a great least in her honor was held on the first day. The entire month was given up more or less to celebrations of various kinds and on the 21st Bome's birthday was celebrated.

Historically April has a great deal to its credit. Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox April 9th, 1865; Fort Sumter was fired on April 12th, 1861; Henry Clay was born April 12th, 1777: Thomas Jefferson was born April 13th, 1743; Abraham Lincoln was assassinated April 14th, 1865; San Francisco was shaken by an earthquake and burned April 18-20, 1906; April 19th is Primrose Day in England, and Lord Beaconsfield died on that day; April 19th, 1775, the battles of Lexington and Concord took place; April 23rd, 1864, Shakespeare was born; April 27th, 1822, Gen. U. S. Grant was born; April 30th, 1789, Washington was inaugurated first President of the United States. And these are only a few of the great events of history connected with April, with two exceptions taking place in our own country. Which proves that the weather has a great deal to do with the making of history. Of our Presidents Jefferson, Monroe, Buchanan and Grant were born in April, no other month having more. W. H. Harrison and Lincoln died in April. There are no legal holidays in this month of general observance. The nearest approach to a holiday is the first day of the month known as April Fool's Day, when everybody ries to have fun with everybody else by fooling him in some way or other. This is a custom prevailing in England, France, Germany and the United States, and its origin is not known exactly, but it is supposed to have come first from France. There is a legend among the Jews that on this day Noah fi

What the Astrologer Says if You Were Born in April

Astrologically April is controlled by the first two, a woman born under any other sign. Dark men and mus of the zodiac, Aries, or the Ram, until the 19th, dustive, and Taurus, the Bull, for the remainder the mouth. Those born under Aries will have uple manners, be obedient but with capacity to commit an antil the property of enterprise, even to boldness, we a lofty and kindly soul and a generous heart that it may be a superior and quick to comprehend but prudent, religious tender, and they may overnotes, a natural gift for business and though compite will be willing to learn from others. A womewith red hair born under this sign should marry man with light hair, nor should she enter into suppatible the presents of the sign should marry bable in suggesting ideas. A red-headed man born under this sign require especial care, but they will make good farmers. Children born under this sign will do better in business without a true.

100 Consolation Prizes Paid to Ladies for February

READ OUR GREAT PRIZE OFFER ON PAGE 30, and see how the ladies win the big prizes also.

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Miss.

The CLUBS they SENT in WERE VERY SMALL, but we believe that they did the best they could and so we gave them \$1.00 each BESIDES THEIR REGULAR CLUB PREMIUMS.

NOW LADIES, TAKE HOLD with vim and try to win an April monthly prize, but if you don't win you are sure of whatever regular premiums YOU EARN. It is YOUR LAST CHANCE to win these prizes that are offered.

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. SEND IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS AS FAST as you can, and be sure to write each time that they are to go on the subscription prize contest, otherwise we shall not know that you are competing for the prizes. Subscriptions mailed on the last day of the month count on that month if the postmark on the envelope shows it.

31 Children's Consolation Prizes Paid for February

We offered 50 Consolation Prizes of one dollar each for children for February, but we are sorry to say that among those who entered in February we could only find 31 who gave their ages as under 15 years. We have paid a prize of \$1.00 to each one of that 31 and we give their names as follows:

Weston, Beaver, Ark. Truman le, Ga. Hilda Wilter, Avon, Ill. M II. Master Paul Hawley, Odin, Ill. Anumosa, Iowa. Willie Hofins, To Orange Lake, Fig. Master J. Somers Lovell, pbell, N. V. Zeb C. Burton, High Towers, N. C. ge Machin, Chillicothe, Ohio, Andrey Hampton, oleon, Ohio. Master Wayne Whisner, Clarion, Pa. clet Rowley, Colegrove, F. Charlotte E. Seife, Haven, Pa. Walter Purdy, New Milford, Pa. Lowe, East Chartanooga, Tenn. Fay Addington, r. Lake, Texas, Clarence Cummins, Grand Falls, is, Vivian Bouchelle, Lou, Texas. Mavis P. Reed, ler Hill, Va. Lloyd Lee, Natchez City, Wash, Hummell, Port Orchard, Wush.

So you see that every child that entered in Febru-ary received a prize, and we had 19 children's prizes to spare for that month that we could not pay for lack of children.

Prizes Awarded in Necklace Puzzle Contest The following is the correct solution of Neck lace Puzzle in COMFORT:

Cut each of the ten links in the two short sections chain which consist of two large and three small has to each section. Connect the remaining ten ections of chain with these ten links. The total st is \$2.20; for cutting and soldering the 4 large has at 25 cents each and the 6 small links at 20 ats each.

The Cash Prizes have been awarded and paid as follows:

Paau as follows:
Addie E. Meicher, East Wilton, Maine,
E. N. Galligan, San Francisco, Cal.,
Mrs. Ed. C. Davis, Spokane, Wash.,
Mrs. Ida M. Kier, Gentry, Mo.,
Guy Durham, Westminster, S. G.,
Edna Bauer, Ghicora, Pa.,
E. R. Uzzell, Wilson, N. G.,

Fifty cents to each of the following twelve persons: First cents to each of the following twelve persons:
S. J. Fisher, Pittsburg, Pa. O. J. Dannemnueller,
Kelso, Mo. Mrs. Theo. F. Peter, Raton, N. Mex.
Grandy Peerey, Corinth, Miss. Mrs. Charles A. Hayden. Cogswell, N. Dak. T. J. Runyon, Toler, Ky.
C. A. Gamble, Clinton, Tenn. Mrs. Percy Paltridge,
Ardonia, N. Y. L. B. Rader, Palestine, W. Va. W. O.
Quinby, Lentuer, Mo. Mrs. Jno. Buss, Logan, Kansas.
Miss Carrie Tryner, South River, N. J.
To thirty others whose answers were next best we
sent one dozen souvenir postal cards.

Easter Greeting from COMFORT'S Publisher

The season's greetings to all our readers, including the few to whom I am sending this Easter COMFORT as a free

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atter is written especially for COMFORT by our editorial staff and special writers. SOMETHING NEW, INTERESTING, ENTERTAINING, AMUSING and INSTRUCTIVE EACH MONTH for EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, OLD and Y UNG, MAN, WOMAN and CHILD.

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Make Your Heart Quiver with Emotion

and the blood course more swiftly in your veins.

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OUR PRICE WILL BE HIGHER and we shall give a BETTER COMFORT the coming year, but you can get it at the old price, 20 cents a year, or 3 years for 50 cents, if you subscribe NOW.

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IF IN DOUBT send 10 cents for a six-months' trial subscription NOW. IT IS YOUR LAST CHANCE AT THAT LOW PRICE. When the six months is out you will wish you had subscribed three years for 50 cents.

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A Few Words by the Editor

The President said:

"I believe that we, all of us, have come to the conclusion provide a home for it, and that where that is not possible, we which a child would have in a home. There is ample room for all existing institutions, but the work of extension should be, as far as possible, a work of extension in home placing, and the child that cannot be put in a home, as nearly as possible like those which would obtain were the child in a home

"In the case of the orphan, my own belief is that the best We have then to meet the case—one of the most distressing of cases—where the father has died and where the mother would like to keep the child but simply lacks the earnshould strive is to help that mother so that she can keep her own home and keep the child in it; that is the best thing possible to be done for that child.

help by individuals and associations outside; that religious and | mother only can give. philanthropic associations of many different kinds must cooperate with the Government or we cannot get the best

We heartily endorse the ex-President's views in this clothe, provide and educate them. The writer has frequently discussed and written upon this subject, and advocated the much more and better than they are doing. giving by the State to poor widows, so much per head per month for each child, until the little ones have reached the age where they can earn their own support, and so relieve the ance should cease.

by hook or by crook to keep the home together, but it is a ter-

tomorrow, and what sort of citizens can we expect them to be, dren and relief to the mothers would be immense. when the mother is away from home sewing or washing by the eventually to grow up more animal than human, hating society, be help by individuals and associations outside." because society has wronged them by denying them the advantages which under the existing order of society can only stitution into your home. If you cannot do this, you can join

the White House, made some remarks on a sub- liberally provide for, and the mother give her whole attention tions organized for the purpose of caring for and finding ject of deep import to the Nation-a subject that we to the care of the little ones. It is the mother that moulds the think our readers should seriously consider and character of the child. It is she, who makes our presidents, take to heart. These remarks were made at a conference which senators, representatives, judges, scientists, etc. Child-raising met in Washington to discuss the care of dependent children. and child-rearing are the greatest and most important functions in this or any other civilized country. Society is only just beginning to realize its obligations to the mother who risks that where possible, the thing to be done for the child is to her own life that the Nation may continue to exist. Think of a poor worn wisp of a woman, her eyes red with weeping, surshould make the conditions as nearly as possible like those rounded by a number of little ones who have just seen the earth close over the remains of the provider, protector and father! This is surely the most pitiful sight in the world. What is the outlook for that little woman? Only blank dewhere that is not possible, to make the conditions surrounding spair. Possibly there is a baby at the breast, a baby she cannot above suggested would go far toward accomplishing this result. leave, and so work away from the home is denied her. Society makes no provision for her except that it will educate her children and place them in an institution, and that to a real mother kind of permanent provision, if feasible, is to place that child is almost equivalent to burying them. Such separation, too, is inhuman. No institution can take the place of a mother. All the joy of life is crushed out of children in institutions. The institutional child generally looks and acts like a scared ing capacity. Surely in such a case, the goal toward which we rabbit. Every child has a right to have a real home. No civilized State, worthy of the name should deny it this right. There are plenty of childless homes that need orphan children, and money should be raised somewhere and somehow by the "The Government can do much. But never forget that State to keep the roofs over the homes of fatherless children, so the Government cannot do everything; there must always be that they may have the love and watchful care that a good

Naturally our charitably inclined and philanthropic readers will say, "Very true, but what is the practical remedy? What do you suggest that we, individually can do to help?"

As ex-President Roosevelt has said, "the Government matter, particularly as regards that of widows who are left with | can do much," meaning, of course, the State Governments, beseveral children to support but lack the earning capacity to cause such work is beyond the scope and purpose of the National Government. The State Governments can and ought to do

The States, besides supporting or helping to support orphan asylums should pension widowed mothers to assist them in keeping their children at home instead of putting them into mother of the burden of their care. Should a widow with public institutions, and should also provide places in every children contract another marriage, of course the State allow- city or town of considerable size where the children can be cared for during the hours that the mothers are at work away The struggle most widows have to keep a roof over their from home. Many mothers who have a living husband earning children's heads and provide for them is little short of a small wages find it necessary to go out to work by the day to tragedy. It is as much as most men can do to keep the home help support the family and leave their children to run wild in going, but when the husband and provider is taken away, it is the streets. Much could be done in connection with the simply monstrous to expect a woman to be able to rear her schools to relieve this situation by simply keeping the schoolchildren properly and care for them as they should be cared houses open until after the close of work hours, having one of for. Some women eke out a miserable existence, and wear the teachers remain to look after the children and interest and their fingers to the bone sewing, washing, etc., and so manage amuse them by telling or reading stories to them and assisting them in their play from the close of school until such time as rific struggle, a struggle which most women are physically in- the mothers would be at home to look after the children. To capable of sustaining, and the injustice done the children is this endourschoolhouses and schoolyards should be made attractive. This work could be done by the schools at very little The fatherless children of today will be the citizens of added expense and the moral and physical benefit to the chil-

You can each and all use your influence and your votes day, and the children are left to their own devices, to run wild, to bring about these public reforms and aids to needy children and for lack of correction and care, to contract evil habits, and and mothers, but as the President also says, "there must always

If you have no children you can take a child from an in- a quarter now, while you can.

X-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, before leaving come to children who are reared in homes where the father can or aid some of the many-and there ought to be more-associahomes for destitute children. If there is no such society in your vicinity you can interest your friends to assist you in organizing one. There is no nobler charity nor more vital to the welfare of the State than to provide for the moral and physical well being of the children. It is even more important than educational facilities which are of little value to poor children who at the close of school hours are turned out to shift for themselves in the vicious influences of the streets.

It is a difficult and almost hopeless task to try to reform the grown-up criminal. A far more efficient means of lessening vice and crime is to keep the children from vicious and demoralizing influences, and the measures, both public and private,

At this Easter-tide let us remember the words of Him whose resurrection we commemorate, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," and be impressed with a sense of duty to all in our power to protect the Heaven-like purity and innocence of the little ones from base, degrading and criminal influences.

AST May we were obliged to raise our subscription rate from fifteen to twenty cents a year. Increased cost of production, partly due to a large advance in the price of paper, made it necessary.

But we have continued the old, special low rate of twenty-five cents for a two-years' renewal by old subscribers only. Most publishers offer the big inducements to new subscribers; we give the preference of lower rates to our renewing old subscribers, and they appreciate it.

When we raised the subscription rate a year ago we promised a better COMFORT, and we have tried our best to make good; and from the thousands of congratulatory letters from our esteemed subscribers we believe that our efforts have been effective and are appreciated.

This improvement in COMFORT the past year has cost a lot more money. We are determined to keep right on improving, but we cannot afford to do it at the present very low subscription price. We believe that COMFORT'S readers prefer to pay a little more and have a better paper-a continually improving paper

In our efforts to improve COMFORT we ask the assistance of our readers. We wish to make these improvements along such lines as will best suit their tastes and interests, and therefore we have printed in this paper on page 18 a coupon or vote containing a number of questions which we wish our readers to fill out and send us, as much for their benefit as for ours, and we offer a list of 101 prizes for the best answers.

We find it necessary to announce another advance in the subscription price of COMFORT to take effect next month. In May the subscription rate will be twenty-five cents a year, and then the special low renewal rate of two years for twentyfive cents will be withdrawn.

We offer all our present subscribers this last opportunity to renew or extend their subscriptions two full years from date of expiration for 25 cents if they do so before May. If your subscription is about run out, of course you would not hesitate a moment in seizing such an advantageous offer, but even if your present subscription does not expire for a year it is equally advantageous for you to extend it two more years for

Comfort's Editor.

EASTER SUNDAY Its Origin and Meaning

the earth is again smiling at the gentle touch of either Christmas or Easter.

makes Christmas bright with happiness and joy.

This should be a constant reminder that the world is true Christian fortitude, should rise superior to circumstances.

Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, is beautifully emblematic of immortality which He came on earth to bring to light.

As the resurrection was the crowning act, the glorious consummation of the earthly mission of the Son of God, so and giving them twelve months averaging twenty-nine and Easter surely should rank as high as any of the Christian fes-

Christmas, like your own birthday, always comes on the same day of the month; but do you know why Easter always comes on Sunday and may have a variation of thirty-four days in different years, coming anywhere from March 22 to April 25?

It is because Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon which comes after the twenty-first day

Does not that seem a strange way to determine a sacred festival? But there is a historic reason for it found in the Bible. Read in your Old Testament how, when the Chilthe Lord, in order to punish the Egyptians for their cruelty, in their request. a single night slew the first born in every Egyptian family and passed over the homes of the Hebrews without harming them. In obedience to the command of Moses the Jews ever since the solid rock. have celebrated the anniversary of this occasion as their great-

When the kingdom of Judah was in its palmy days Christmas, which we celebrate as the anniversary of the and Solomon's temple was the crowning glory of Jerusalem, birth of Christ, is typical of hope and joy, although it comes at it was no uncommon thing for the multitude that assembled a season when the suspension of Nature's animation hardly annually for the Passover from all parts of Judea to number accords with the sentiment of the occasion. But in spite of three million souls. Of course Jerusalem could contain only a the short daylight, the cold, inclement weather and other for- small part of these pilgrims who journeyed with their families bidding conditions, the joyous spirit of Christianity inspiring on foot or with their ox-carts or donkeys, camping on the road the day we now call Sunday) the angel with the face like the human soul triumphs over adverse physical conditions and wherever night overtook them, and when they reached the lightning descended from heaven attended by a peal of thunholy city their tents covered the hills for miles around.

what we make it, and should teach us the important lesson of transportation that a hundred thousand people is a large that true happiness is from within, and that we can, and with crowd to attend any kind of a celebration, but what would we think of three million people coming long distances to celebrate Christmas or Easter now.

> The Hebrews have a calendar of their own which dates back to the time of Pharaoh, and their months run according to the moon, beginning a new month with every new moon, one half days each to the year except on leap years which have hirteen months. The astronomical Spring begins each year on the twenty-first day of March, at which time the sun crosses the line of the equator in coming north.

> The feast of the Passover came on the first full moon after the sun crossed the equator in the Spring, and every Hebrew that could possibly afford the journey used to go to Jerusalem in the olden times to celebrate it there.

Now turn to your New Testament and you will read how the Saviour the week before he was crucified journeyed to full moon after the twenty-first day of March. Jerusalem with his disciples to eat the feast of the Passover.

Jews demanded of Pilate, the Roman Governor, that he should dren of Israel being held in bondage in Egypt, the Angel of give Jesus to them to be crucified. And he complied with

> It was on Friday that Jesus was crucified, and he was placed that same night in the new stone tomb cut out of

The next day, Saturday as we now call it, was the Jew- transcendent faith of every Christian.

HIS is the Easter month and brings with it a sense est feast day. They have always called it "The Feast of the ish Sabbath. There were seven days in the week then the of rejoicing that we are safely through the winter and Passover," and they make more of it than the Christians do of same as now. Only Sunday was not known by that name and was not observed as a holy day.

> All through the Old and New Testament whenever the Sabbath is mentioned it means Saturday, the last day of the week which the Jews still observe as the Sabbath.

All through the Sabbath Christ lay in the Tomb, and just at daybreak of the next morning (the morning of der and an earthquake shock and rolled the stone from the We think, with our railroads and improved means door of the tomb and sat upon it. The Roman soldiers guarding the tomb fell senseless with fright and shock. Then Christ rose from the dead and walked forth to meet the two faithful and devoted Marys who came early to visit His sepulcher.

This was Christ's first appearance to mortal eyes after His resurrection, and this wonderful scene is beautifully depicted by our special artist on COMFORT'S Easter title

This was the beginning of the first Easter and the first Sunday.

This is why all Christians observe Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of Saturday which the Jews still observe as their Sabbath.

So you see the first Sunday was Easter Sunday, and it followed the feast of the Passover which came on the first

On Easter morning take your Bible, and with the It was to celebrate the Passover the better that the beautiful and impressive title page of COMFORT before you read carefully the wonderful description of the resurrection in the twenty-eighth chapter of St. Matthew, and see if Easter does not have a new meaning for you.

Easter Sunday commemorates the greatest event in the World's history, the central fact on which depends the

EASTER LILIES

Or, Love's Idol Shattered-An Easter Romance

aired girl, and so he consented, although he old her:

"The hours until I know will be the longest have ever spent," he declared. "I tell you, et me take you to church tomorrow."

Lilly smiled, as she replied: "Not tomorrow. not never attend church except to be with me, not long to act as the sole attraction obring you to church."

"I'll go every Sunday and whenever between thies you want, Lilly," he cried. "You have it your hands to make or mar me," and his yes were clouded with fear of losing her. All his confident manner was gone.

"No woman can make or mar the right kind f a man," she said declardly, rising, and John was forced to go, leaving her behind in the old-ashioned parlor where he had spent many happy tours. Dashing away in his red motor, he topped at the florist and left orders for two lozen of the finest American Beauty roses to be ent her, and smiled to himself as he pictured er lovely face rising above one of them the ext morning when she went to the Easter serice.

In the meanwhile, on that bright, spring Satury afternoon, another resolved to know his fate, r scarcely had John's red motor disappeared an Ned Richardson was shown into the room the neat little maid, and coming up behind e girl, dropped a bunch of sweet, fragrant glish violets in her lap, saying laughingly, though there was a hidden meaning in his ung voice:

Easter season.

Ned you startled me," she said, burying toose in the violets, and inhaling their fra-

her nose in the violets, and inhaling their fragrance.

"A penny for your thoughts," he said lightly, wondering at the crimson flood that stained her white skin, for it hurt her to realize that she had been thinking of John's proposal.

For a few minutes neither said anything, then Ned broke the silence by saying gravely:

"Lilly, it has come, my promotion."

"Honestly?" the girl cried.

"Yes. This morning I was told that Monday morning I would take my place as assistant cashier, and my saiary is to be doubled."

Frankly the girl held out her hand, saying delightedly:

"I'm so glad Ned, so glad, and you have deserved it all."

"I really hope I have Lilly. You know when I entered the bank as an errand boy, I was am-

served it all."

I really hope I have Lilly. You know when I entered the bank as an errand boy, I was ambifious. I have worked for this position all my life, and now—" and his eyes spoke more eloquently than his lips.

Lillian flushed again, and rose from her seat, saying nervously as she walked to the window: "And now your ambition is crowned, I suppose."

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"Not yet, for I want something infinitely more precious. I could not reach out for the second prize until I secured the first, but what I want now is so much dearer than any material advancement that I cannot express myself when I come to ask for it."

The girl said nothing. From the window she could see the factories and the almost palatial home of the Simmons's.

"Lilly dearest you must know how I love you. I have never made a secret of it. From the time John and I used to fight over carrying your books to school when we were all children, I have loved you, and resolved that as soon as I could provide a home for you I would try and win you."

Still Lillian said nothing, but stood there, her graceful head leaning against the window frame. "I can't give you much as it is as far as wealth goes, but Lilly I can give you a heart that has never beat a throb faster over any other woman; I can give you the complete love of my whole life, and as long as there is breath in my body, I can work for you, regarding each effort as a joy because it is made for you."

Each word of the young man awoke a sympathetic response in Lillian's heart, but she felt that in this important crisis see must not act hastily, so keeping herself well in check she said softly:

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"Ned it is only fair to tell you that Jack has asked me the same thing this afternoon."

Ned's strong young hands clenched, but he was not surprised. He knew of the open adoration of the millionaire's son, but he hoped with all his neart that the other's material advantages of wealth, social standing and university education, would not weigh with his loved one. He knew that the life John Simmons lived was not one to conduce to any woman's happiness, although he knew nothing vicious about him, save that he



est pang when he said to her that he had told John to get her violets for him. She knew her husband's love was not measured by a bunch of flowers. On Saturday afternoon, the florist brought her a magnificent cluster of the Easter lilies, and in addition an immense bunch of the violets. She put both on the mantelpiece, intending to run over to the church early next morning, and contribute the lilies to the decorations.

For some months she had been troubled with wakefulness, and was in the habit of reading until midnight or after. She would put on the pretty kimona of green and violet that Ned loved, and sit with her hair braided down her back in a gfrlish plait until she was sleepy. John knew this, as he did everything else about this happy little home he was planning to ruin. He also managed to read a telegram sent by the president of the bank to Ned telling him to come back on the midnight train Saturday night, before it was sent off, and knew that Ned would reach his home unexpectedly. Not knowing that he, John had seen this telegram the arch plotter realized that Ned would believe himself entirely unexpected, and so John worked craftily to compromise the woman whom he hated now as much as he had once loved her, and to revenge himself on his successful rival.

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Lilly was sitting, tranquilly reading, now and then indulging in a day dream over her beautiful Easter romance, and wondering it there could be another woman as happy as she. She counted over her blessings, rejoiced over her recovered health, and went once or twice to see that baby Lilly, their Easter lily, was safely sleeping. No purer woman or more devoted wife lived than she, so secure in her own loyalty and the adoration of her husband. She raised her eyes and saw that the clock pointed to ten minutes before twelve.

"I must get to bed," she told herself, laying aside her book. 'Now that I am so well. I must go back to earlier hours," and she rose, when a sound startled her, for it was a 'pistol shot. Her cheeks paled, and her hand flew to her heart, which had troubled her a little. Then came a voice she knew so well crying:

"Lilly Lilly let me in, I'm wounded," and forgetting the lateness of the hour, or that she was alone in the house with her little baby, she sprang to the door and let John Simmons in. He was staggering, his hand grasping his shoulder.

"Why what is it, John? Are you hurt?" she cried, all of her gentle, womanly nature stirred by the thought of a friend in need.

"I am afraid so. I was going along, feeling a little uneasy thinking of you and the kiddle here all alone, when someone jumped out at me, fired, and I guess he winged me," and he kept his hand on his shoulder.

"Let me see," Lilly cried, and John tore off his coat, vest, necktie and collar, and unfastening his shirt bared his shoulder.

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"Let me see," Lilly cried, and John be kept his hand on his shoulder, then shook her head.

"There isn't any wound, Jack," she said simply, "although there is an ugly bruise. What stopped the builet?" and she caught up the coat he had thrown aside. As she looked at it she gave a little exclamation. The cloth was ripped, but unde

"Honestly? Oh, I'm so glad," Inny trees, ping her hands.

John heard the whistle of the train, and knew just how far Ned was on his homeward way.

"Yes, I am to be congratulated, and I have the ring." he continued. "It came today by registered mail, and tomorrow after church I go to give it to her."

"Oh, I'm so glad," Lilly said fervently.

John heard the quick-ringing footsteps nearing the house, and he went a step further.

"Want to see it."

which Lilly attended—the next months; some was a regular attendant, but John was there feat his eyes on her during the Easter service. Lilly entered and walked up the algebraic hook held their breath, she seemed so delight-fully sweet, and caim, a perfect type of mald-grown was of some sort, of limit. Her Easter grown was of some sort, of limit. Her Easter grown was of some sort, of limit appeared to suggest the season, the standard of the seemed had given been able to suggest the season, the seemed had given been able to suggest the season, the seemed had given been able to suggest the season, the season of th

IN @ AROUND The HOME

CONDUCTED BY MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON

Terms Used in Crochet

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Ch. chain; ch.st. chain stitch; s. c. single crochet; d. c. double crochet (thread over once); tr. c. treble trochet (thread over twice); dtr. double treble crochet (thread over three times); l. c. long crochet; r. st; roll stitch; l. loop; p. picot; r. p. roll picot; sl. st. slip stitch; k. st. knot stitch; sts. stitches; blk. block; aps. spaces; * stars mean that the directions given between them should be repeated as indicated before proceeding.

Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; o. over; o. 2, over twice; n. narrow of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog, together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog, together; sl. and b., slip and bind; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

Terms Used in Tatting D. s. double stitch; p. picot; l. p. long picot; ch. chain; d. k. double knot; pkt. picot and knot together. *indicates a repetition.

Pick-up Work

GREAT deal may be accomplished by utilizing one's moments and many beautiful pieces of embroidery and lacework can be done by the pick-up process. The secret lies in planning out and starting, not one but several articles. Then the odd minutes or half hour when a friend drops in can be made to count by a little work on a cuff, collar or waist.

This season

This season ordinary or filet net, which is simply the aquare mesh, is used extensively for guimpes, waists and fancy work and ex-quisite bands and motifs can be manufactured at home at home.

at home.

The designs used are rarely stamped ones, they are usually copied in much the same way that cross-stitching is by simply counting the openings of the mesh to reproduce the original work.

White cotton net worked with linen or mercer-

net worked with linen or mercerized floss, with patterns similar to illustrations, Nos. 1 and 2, will result in effective bands for trimming. These should be cut lengthwise of the net and about twice the width of the pattern to be worked, so as to allow ample margin.

When leaves and more solid work are to be done and it is necessary to have a definite design, it should be stamped on tissue paper, basted under the net and rolled up so that the last part of it will be fresh and as easily copied as the first.

DARNED NET INSERTION.

as the first.

In doing this solid work run up a stem to the center of a berry, and then go round and round until the outline pattern is filled in, then the stitches can be taken through

the paper, this being torn away when the work

To make a scallop on lace or edge (of doily first run in three or four threads and then buttonhole over, or if an unusually heavy scallop is to be worked, place the net over fine linen or lawn, work and cut the lat-

and cut the latter away when finished.

After a little practice designs may be worked out with rope silks, which are used to more completely fill up the mesh. One color is the safest, until the worker grows more experienced, and then designs may be attempted in variety of the present of the present of the present of the worker grows more experienced, and then designs may be attempted in variety of the present of the presen designs may be attempted in various colors

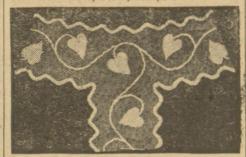
interwoven with black and gold and silver All such band trimmings are made on tissue paper background, which is removed when the work is finished and pressed.

Corner of Handkerchief in Crochet This pattern can be used for handkerchiefs if made of fine thread, or developed of coarser is suitable for edging centerpieces, bureau covers or tidies.

1st row.—Chain 36, turn.
2nd row.—I d. c. in 3rd st., 6 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1s. c., (ch. 3, sl. 1, 1 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1s. c.) repeat twice, ch. 3, sl. 2, 3 d. c. on last 3 chains, turn.

3rd row.—Ch. 3, 2 d. c. on 2 doubles, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, st. 6 (1 d. c. on double, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in same st.) sl. 6, repeat doubles and chains of 2 twice, sl. 6, 1 d. c. on next double, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same st., 6 d. c.,

*3 times, sl. 6, 1 d. c. in next, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, 6 d. c., ch. 9, turn.
6th row.—Sl. 3, 6 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, d. c. on doubles, turn.
7th row.—Ch. 3, 2 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same



COLLAR AND BAND.

(1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c.) all in next double, ch. 2, 7 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same (1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c.) all in next double, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next double, 6 d. c., ch.

1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next double, 6 d. c., ch. 9, turn.

9, turn.

8th row.—6 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, 7 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, 7 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3, 3 d. c., turn.

9th row.—Ch. 3, 2 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next double, 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same (1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c.) in next double, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 7 d. c., turn.

c, turn.
10th row.—6 s. c., ch. 3, then like 6th row,

19th row.—Ch. 3, 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same, sl. 6, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 7 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., in same, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next double, ch. 6, 7 d.

1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next double, ch. c, turn.

20th row.—6 s. c., then like 16th row, turn.

21st row.—Same as 17th row, turn.

22nd row.—Ch. 3, 6d. c., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same, ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c. (ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 d. c. on double, ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c.) repeat 3 times, ch. 3, sl. 2, 1

ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c. (ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 d. c. on double, ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c.) repeat 3 times, ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 d. c., turn.

23rd row.—Ch. 5, 1 d. c. in 1 st., sl. 6 (1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c.) in next double, repeat 3 times, sl. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 6, 7 d. c., turn.

24th row.—6 s. c., ch. 6, pass over and make doubles on the last of the 2 doubles that have 2 chain between them (leave the chain 6 empty for the final point which is made later), ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place, ch. 3, sl. 3, 1 s. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 1, d. c. on d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., ch. 3, sl. 2, 1 s. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn, ch. 3, 6 d. c. on 6 d. c., turn of d. c., repeat until you have 5 scallops, which will bring you to the straight edge, this is the narrowest portion between two points. Now work up exactly as you did in the 2nd row and continue on; when you reach the top take up the two doubles that were dropped and carry them on as at the first, the tiny squares at the extreme ends of corner points will be put on by the last of two rows of seven doubles.

Star Insertion

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1st row.—Make a chain of 14, turn, 1 tr. in 3rd st., ch. 2, sl. 2, 4 trs., in the next st., (hereafter these 4 trs. will be known as a star, put 1 ch. between each two trs. in star), ch. 2, el. 2, 1 tr. in the next st., ch. 2, sl., 2, star in the next st., ch. 1, 2 trs. in the last st., turn.

2nd row.—Ch. 3, 1 tr. between 2 trs., ch. 1, star in star, ch. 2, 1 s. c. under 2 ch., ch. 2, 1 s. c. under 2 ch., ch. 2, 1 s. c. under ch. 2, ch. 2, tsar in star, ch. 1, 2 trs. in 2 trs., ch. 3, turn.

2 trs. in 2 trs., ch. 3, turn.
3rd row.—1 tr. in 2 trs., ch. 1, star in star, * ch. 2, 1 s. c. under ch. 2, * (repeat from * twice), star in star, ch. 1, 2 trs. in 2 trs., ch. 3, turn.
4th row.—1 tr. in 2 trs., star in star, * 1 s. c. under ch. 2 (repeat from * 3 times), ch. 2, star



16th row.—Same as 9th row. Then 3 tr., ch. 1s. c., ch. 5, and repeat 4 times, 3 tr., ch. 5, 1 turn.

17th row.—Ch. 2, 1 tr., ch. 5, catch to form a

DIAMOND SHELL LACE.

picot and continue round scallop. Then same as tenth row, and repeat from first row.

Fasten the thread in end of the loop. * Ch. 3, tr. in next loop. * Repeat from * to * across the row.

2nd row.—1 tr. in each st.
3rd row.—* Ch. 7, sl. 3, 1 d. c. in next *.

Repeat from * to *.
4th row.—Ch. 7, fasten in double of previous row and repeat.

row and repeat.
5th row.—Ch. 4, double under ch. 2 of previous row and catch both chains together, re-

6th row.-Like the second.

MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH.

Quilt Design

Post Card Pattern Quilt

Cut pieces of light material, either cotton or silk, seven inches long by four inches wide, embroider some flower, the words Post card and a stamp on each, then add the name or



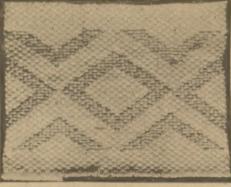
POST CARD PATTERN QUILT.

initials of friends or relatives. After each card is finished join with two inch strips of dark goods and feather stitch as shown.

MRS. M. E. NEEL.

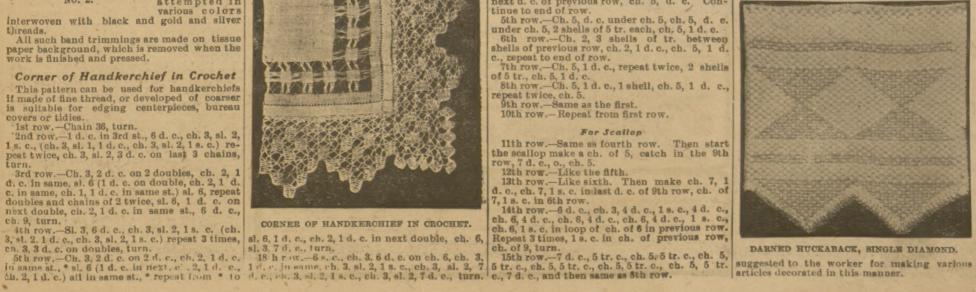
Darned Huckaback *

These designs illustrate patterns darned in huck with colored mercerized cotton. Beautiful dresser scarfs, sofa pillows, tidies, towel ends, etc., can be easily decorated in this way



DARNED HUCKABACK, DOUBLE DIAMOND

and the fascinating work is rapidly done. They are simply worked in by passing the needle to and fro under the raised dots. Wash belts can also be worked, using either all white or colors, as this material is particularly suited to this purpose. Many artistic designs will be



STRAWBERRY CENTERPIECE. By Selma Holst.

in star, ch. 1, 2 trs. in 2 trs., ch. 3, turn.
5th row.—Like the 3rd.
6th row.—Like the 2nd.
7th row.—Like the 1st.
Now that hand-made insertions are used so much this one would be especially desirable and suitable for shirt-waists or wash dresses.

MRS LOCKIE BUTCHER MRS. LOTTIE BUTCHER.

Diamond Shell Lace

Make a chain of twenty-five stitches, turn.
1st row.—1 d. c. in 10th st., * ch. 5, sl. 3, d. c.
in next, * repeat from * to * 3 times.
2nd row.—Ch. 5, d. c. under ch. 5 of previous
row. Repeat to end of the row.

2nd row.—Ch. 5, d. c. under ch. 5 of previous row. Repeat to end of the row.

3rd row.—Same as second row.

4th row.—Ch. 5, 1 d. c., shell of 5 tr. in the next d. c. of previous row, ch. 5, d. c. Continue to end of row.

5th row.—Ch. 5, d. c. under ch. 5, ch. 5, d. c. under ch. 5, 2 shells of 5 tr. each, ch. 5, 1 d. c.

6th row.—Ch. 2, 3 shells of tr. between shells of previous row, ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 5, 1 d. c., repeat to end of row.

7th row.—Ch. 5, 1 d. c., repeat twice, 2 shells of 5 tr., ch. 5, 1 d. c.

8th row.—Ch. 5, 1 d. c., 1 shell, ch. 5, 1 d. c., repeat twice, ch. 5.

9th row.—Same as the first.

10th row.—Repeat from first row.

For Scallop

11th row. Same as fourth row.

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the scallop make a ch. of 5, catch in the 9th row, 7 d. c., o., ch. 5.

12th row.—Like the fifth.

13th row.—Like sixth. Then make ch. 7, 1 d. c., ch. 7, 1 s. c. in slast d. c. of 9th row, ch. of 7, 1 s. c. in 6th row.

THE ACCURSED PLOT An Inauguration Romance

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER.

ck Booth declares that Abraham Lincoln will never
ermitted to assume control of the Nation, if inaugudatere is to be bitter, cruel war. "Then there will
ar, for Lincoln will be inaugurated President of the
le who elect him," replies Edward Thompson, who
is the uniform of lieutenant. He is interrupted by
elivery voice of a woman who is deep in the conacy to worry Lincoln and his advisers. Does she
w Jack Booth? Their conversation is interrupted by
oomy appearing man, in the uniform of a captain, and
ging to his arm, his sister Clarissa Leclergue, who
assumed control of Lieutenant Thompson's heart,
tain Leclergue requests he escort his sister home, and
ting to Lieutenant Thompson's companion asks to SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER.

By Paul C. Neville

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PART II.

HEN the two desperadoes threw Ned into the interior of the negro hut, he said nothing, although he was stiff and weary, and the gag which they removed after they reached the hut, had is mouth shamefully. He lay very still where threw him, and the two went on exchanging lences regarding some of their frightful utterly disregarding him, whom they do as already dead so far as the outside was concerned. To say that he was frantic lay there helpless, securely and painfully hand and foot, under the shadow of alcertain death, but mildly expresses his feel. He was too brave and resolute to betray weakness and had his own sufferings and er only been involved he would have borner with fortitude and met his death heroibut the sufferings and imminent peril of a, which he now realized and was power-to avert, oppressed and tortured his soul than all personal considerations. While slip estimated the temporary disgrace of his ing desertion and the suffering which it be causing his father and Clarissa, he that should he be spared to return to Washn the simple truth would be enough to rehim to favor with General Scott and rehis reputation in the community, but he allost his mind when he realized that the forced was in Leclergue's hands, and that without the nation's only hope, his revered leader, do follow he had be foully murdered. Of course he knew mg of the details of the plot, but he could sciate enough to be sure that he must get word to the authorities so that extra preon could be taken. It was now getting rd noon of Sunday, March 3, and he was riess. For a time he was fully occupied with wm painful thoughts so paid little attention is men who carried on an animated conversabut at last his interest was aroused by one nem drawling to the other:

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"We wasn't hired for no such job as this. It was distinctly understood that there wasn't to be no blood on our hands, and all we had to do was just to have things ready here to help Booth get through these wlids to his friends in the mountains. We wasn't to be seen, nor known, nor noways suspected of having anything to do with this big job, neither before nor after. And they knowed devilish well that I couldn't afford to make no chance acquaintances, seein' as I'd risked my life in breakin' jail to escape sentence for murder."

"Your blabbing tongue will hang us both," interrupted the other. "What kind of a fracas do you suppose this soldier boy will kick up on our account as soon as he gets home, after what he's just heard you say?"

"That's what's the matter, only 'tain't what I've said, but what he's seen and what's been done to him that's give him the bulge on us if he ever should get back home again, and that's why I'm dead sot agin us ever partin' company with him alive. 'Tain't safe, I tell ye. I was't hankerin' to get mixed up in no more murder scrapes, not for no such pay as we're gettin' outer this. But pears to me the situation is kind of forced onto us that we've got to see that a dead man's tongue tells no tales."

The other replied, "You've got a halter round your neck anyhow and one murder more or less won't hang you any higher nor sooner, but I only run away from doing time for a few years and so I don't care about making it any worse for myself in case I'm caught by taking life."

"I supposed you had been before the criminal courts enough to know better than that. Don't you understand that he's seen enough already to hang us both for conspiracy it Lincoln's shot tomorrow, and to send us up for life if the plot fails?"

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The Story of Booth's First Attempt to Assassinate Lincoln

By Paul C. Neville

through the woods in the darkness and they had been traveling about an hour when they heard in the distance, the deep bay of bloodhounds. At first the ruffians took it for granted that some escaped slave was being pursued, but as the dogs' voices came nearer it was evident that they were the fugitives who were being followed. Ned recognized the voices of Clarissa's two pets and knew that rescue was near unless in their desperation they should kill him, for his hands were still bound. So he made bold to tell them the situation, advising them to run for their lives and promising that if they left him unbound he would stop their pursuit and do what he could to prevent any further effort being made for their capture. They took him at his word and he sat down to wait for the hounds which he knew were on his trait, having got the scent from his handkerchief which he had sent by Cato to Clarissa.

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Ned was not frightened, his heart jumped with joy. Although no human eye could see him as he sat there, he knew those hounds would discover him, for he recognized their deep tones, he knew they were Bruno and Rex, Clarissa's dearly loved dogs, who were just as devoted to him as to her.

Nearer and nearer came the sound which might have been so terrible under other circumstances, but which was welcome music to his ears, then a mad yelp of delight as two moist noses were

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thrust into the face of the young officer, and warm, friendly tongues licked his face and hands. Following the hounds came the sound of human voices, then Ned was astounded to hear Clarissa cry:

"Oh, Bruno, Rex where is he, tell me!" and the ext moment he had the exquisite pleasure of being gently clasped in warm, tender arms, while her sweet voice poured out exclamations of love and pity.

"Who is with you little one?"

"Only Cato and the hounds," she replied. "I felt I did not dare tell anyone. I just had Cato saddle Beauty and Fairy and came here with Bruno and Rex."

"Only Cato?" he cried in dismay.

"No dear, with Bruno and Rex. A whole regiment of militia would not have guarded me as securely," and Ned knew she spoke truly.

She insisted upon his resting for a few moments and refreshing himself with some food and a homemade cordial she had remembered tobring.

"I also had these," she continued as she watched him eat and drink, pulling from her belt two army pistols, belonging to her brother.

"Why darling you can't shoot," Ned said with as near an approach to a laugh as his torn mouth would accomplish.

"I think I could have used them if it had been necessary," she replied, her lips setting in a grim expression entirely foreign to their soft curves.

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"Tell me all about it, Ned, don't spare me."

The young man told her all he knew, trying to soften her brother's guilt as best ne could.

"And did you send word to the General?" he asked eagerly.

Clarissa shook her head. "Forgive me darling," she pleaded softly, "George is my only brother," and Ned then and there decided upon his course of action, he would spare George because he was Clarissa's brother.

"You had no trouble in tracking me?" he continued, trying to divert the brave girl's thoughts for he knew the tears were falling silently, though springing from a deep source.

"Your handkerchief was enough for the dogs when we did not find you at the hut. Yes, I knew where it was, you see it is on our own land," and so they beguiled the long ride, the dogs running behind, seemingly as fresh as when they had started out, and as harmless under the gentle command of their mistress as poodles.

As they entered the city, Clarissa still with her formidable body-guard, rode home, while Lieutenant Thompson made his way to the tent of his Captain. Entering he approached the haggard appearing officer, and said saluting:

"Captain Leclergue I have come to report for duty again. I think with your leave I will take command of Company C today, and you may go on a furlough to Canada, and never return. Not a word from you; just forward, march. But hold just a moment. On your way kindly stop and inform your friend, whoever she may be, that today.

"I regret that I cannot expose this infernal plot without bringing my intended wife's

she had best not attempt to use that forged pass today.

"I regret that I cannot expose this infernal plot without bringing my intended wife's brother to the gallows."

Strange to say Captain Leciergue, almost dead with fright and frustrated villainy, did not enter any remonstrance, but left abruptly, and nothing was heard of him for several years, when it was reported that he had been killed in an attempted bank robbery in Montreal.

Lieutenant Thompson commanded Company C which guarded the entrance to the tunnel on induguration day, and when after the anxious dasked for a report of his strange disappearance and return and of the mysterious desertion of Captain Leclergue, he told him the whole truth. The old general glared at him for a moment, then thundered:

"Sir, do you know what you have done? You have behaved like a fool and a gentleman, God bless you my boy, God bless you, you are your father's son all over again."

Lieutenant Thompson had one other duty to perform, and it was a pleasure as well. Leaving General Scott he made his way to the old-fashioned house which held his heart's desire, and admitted by Cato, he waited in the parior for Clarissa.

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She came in dainty, sweet and loving, although her eyes were red with weeping over her brother's infamy. As he clasped her in his arms the young officer whispered:

"Oh, my brave girl, you have proven yourself a true American woman."

"All is safe now. Ned?"

"All, Clarissa, thanks to your bravery. You have not only rescued me, but saved a nation, and prevented a dastardly crime."

"Something else has happened, dear," she whispered.

"I know poor little girl, but George has brought it all on himself." Ned replied, softly kissing her.

"But something else," and she hid her face on his shoulder.

"What love?"

"You have proven that you are something more than a mere boy, Ned."

With a cry of joy he pressed his lips to hers again and again asking rapturously:

"Then you really believe I'm grown up, sweetheart?" to which she replied:

"I think we both are, Ned."

Ned and Clarissa were married the next month, and are still living happily.

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Do not write us for samples or patterns of the fancy work which have appeared. When publishing any particular piece of work, we give the plainest possible directions for making and usually illustrate it. It is absolutely useless for you to write for more information, or for samples, or patterns of anything unless stated that they can be supplied.

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As it has come to our notice that sisters have been asking certain sums for information and patterns that should have been furnished free, we here give notice that no charge should be made or money asked for any offers of assistance or information which have or will appear in any letters here published; should there be, kindly notify us, and the offender will be denied the further use of those columns. As this department is run solely to afford an opportunity for the mutual exchange of ideas; recipes, and helpful information, we do not intend it to be used by anyone for a commercial purpose.

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quests.

Do not request souvenir postals unless you have complied with the conditions which entitle you to such a notice. See offer.

All subscribers are cordially invited to write to this department and all stand an equal chance of having their letters appear, whether they are old or new members. As our space is limited, naturally the most interesting helpful letters are selected.

Write fully of your views and ideas, yourself and home surroundings, "give as freely as ye receive," but if your first letter does not appear, do not feel utterly discouraged. Remember the old adage, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHEELER WILKINSON, care COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Miss Cora Dyer sent in a long poem of which I will quote the last verse as it is especially appropriate at this season:

"Welcome to you gentle springtime, Welcome to you April showers, Farewell to you, wintry snow storms, Welcome to you, sweet May flowers."

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April is here with its sunshine, and now mother earth will begin to array herself in a green velvet robe all bedecked with flowers, and the feathered songsters with their sweet voices will add music to the air. Even the lonely hearts burst forth in thankfulness and praise to our great Creator in the beautiful springtime for these blessings which are bestowed upon all, rich and poor alike, without money and without price. Few of us can feel at our best when the day is dark and gloomy and so at times, especially when under clouds of adversity, we forget our blessings. But as the sun's cheering rays flood the earth, stimulating all life and turning gloom into sunshine, so a simple act springing from a loving heart, will turn sadness into gladness.

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Impulses we all have but if not carried out they accomplish little, so I want to remind you each that every little helps. Just a card, letter, a few flower seeds, or a good story means much to ane in an isolated district, or an invalid closed in by four walls. Many of the appeals are piteous, so

If of something for tomorrow You are dreaming, do it now, Of the future do not borrow Frost soon gathers on the brow.

Day for deeds, are few my sisters, Then today fulfill the vow, If you mean to help another, Do not dream it, do it now.

Miss S. L. Adams. I am sure any of the shutins would value the papers you mentioned.

Mrs. S. S. Milton, Charlotte, Mich., and others, see rules governing Missing Relatives' notices.

Will readers living near Mrs. Frances Rudder, Solo, Ark., write her inclosing stamp for a reply.

Mrs. G. V. Grady, 1753 University Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, would like letter party from young wives on birthday, June 3, '99.

Will Miss Bertha Orris kindly send address to Mrs. Blanche Moses, Box 73, Duncansville, R. D. 1, Pa.

Mrs. Ludie Griffin, Box 49, Louisville, R. D. 4,

to Mrs. Blanche Moses, Box 73, Duncansville, R. D. 1, Pa.

Mrs. Ludie Griffin, Box 49, Louisville, R. D. 4, Miss. A partial shut-in for the past seven years, would like sympathetic letters from any of Comfort's readers.

Miss Annie L. Martin, Box 36, Quitman, R. D. 1, Ga., has been troubled with eczema for years and would be glad to hear of a cure. In answer to many inquiries, Mrs. Gertrude Williamson, Kenna, N. Mex., sends this information. Government land can be taken up here at a cost of only sixteen dollars to pay for filing a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. A fine chance for poor men, all letters cheerfully answered.

Arouse yourself and try; Don't let them all get by,— The prizes and the money. (See page 30).

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From a brave little invalid comes these words addressed to broken-hearted mothers:

"All you who have had to give up your loved bables, believe me, when I say from experience, there are heavier burdens to bear than those caused by death.

"When three months old I suffered with spinal meningitis, my mother was not willing to give me up in spite of suffering and weariness, so God granted her prayer for my life. It was spared, but with what result? I regained health, but never walked, now though a young woman of twenty years I am a burden to myself and worst of all a weight on the life of her, who has never ceased to do all in her power to brighten the life and ease the sufferings of her child. God bless mothers, and dear mothers submit yourselves to God's will; though 'His ways are past finding out."

"GRACE M. PEGG, Douglass, Kaus.

Mrs. E. C. Durr, Lampasas, Texas., a lady of

Mrs. E. C. Durr, Lampasas, Texas., a lady of eighty-two years, whose sole enjoyment is patchwork, requests pieces of any kind of material, flower seeds also appreciated. Please remember her

her.

A grandma sends this remedy for golter, which may prove of value to some of the readers suffering from this disease:

My eldest sister had goiter, wore a necklace of amber beads and was cured, same can be said of a younger sister who is now an old lady of seventy-two, and the disease has never returned. It think the electricity contained in the amber is of medicinal value.

Here are a few words for Mrs. A. D. Chester: How I would like to talk to you. I, too, am a Methodist and I believe if the people of today had the old-time faith this world would be a

better place than it is. I think our lives are greatly what we make them, sometimes I get blue, but when I think of the many blessings we receive daily, I just begin to sing and am soon happy again. J. A. D., Mrs. Stevens and Lillian Lemoine Moore where are you? I, and I think I can safely say, others, miss your good letters and cheery advice. Do make this corner a call soon.

MRS. LILLIE WENDELL, Box 48, Cambridge, R. ,1, Ohio.

D. J. Ohio.

Will Miss Hannah E. Evans or any of her friends of Steubenville, Ohio, who read this let me know if she has changed her address? My letter written nearly three months ago, was returned to me from the dead letter office, as unclaimed. I hope nothing serious has befallen my old pen friend. I miss her correspondence very much.

Mrs. E. R. Behrens, Brady, Tex.

Mrs. E. M. BEHRENS, Brady, Tex.
Mrs. Pattle B. Dunkin, Box 134, Boswell,
Okla., a great sufferer, would like a mail shower.
Can anyone send to me direct the poem conaining these lines:

"Couldst thou boast, O child of weakness, O'er the sins of wrongs and strife, Were their strong temptations planted, In thy path of life?"

Can anyone tell me how to wash the salt out of utter for candy making, etc.? Postage will be sturned if requested.

M. CHADBURN, 14 West 52 St., Bayonne, N. J.

Here are a few good suggestions.

I love Comfort and get so much help from it, and as in many letters I notice complaints of having lost addresses I want to tell you all what I do. Get a memorandum-book and in it keep an alphabetical list of all names. This saves much trouble. I also keep all recipes on plank cards, keep all of a kind together. Try these plans.

these plans.

Mrs. Maggie M. West. You have my sincere sympathy, hope you are feeling better now.

Can someone send me some good patterns for eyelet embroidery?

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS we are paying each month to prize winners in COMFORT'S great subscription prize contest. April is the last month. Enter now. You have ample time to win a prize. See page 30 for full explanation.

For extra good cough cure try equal parts of honey, butter and vinegar, boil until it becomes like a syrup when cooled. How many of the sisters know that turpentine will remove tarfrom woolen clothing and kerosene will remove tar from cotton clothing?

MISS MAYME E. WELKER, Box 312, Braymer,

Mrs. Mary Landis, 179 Warren St., Dayton, Ohio., would like to hear from some reader who has had experience in raising canary birds.

Mrs. Minnie E. Kitch, Partridge, Kans., would like a postal shower on her twenty-fifth birthday, July 2, '09.

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One who has read these columns for twenty years writes:

I wonder how many of Comfort's readers will remember Annie and Rosebud Vane, who wrote the cousins letters so long ago?

I am the Annie Vane no longer, but Mrs. Annie Herndon instead, and sad to relate dear little Rosebud folded her sweet petals long years ago and is now sleeping with her dear baby boy in her arms, for they were buried together. She was indeed as sweet as any rose that ever bloomed, plucked from earth to bloom in heaven. I have been married sevetteen years and God has blessed the union with five bright, sweet children, two boys and three girls.

I read in the September Comfort that D. H. Stowe wanted to hear from someone that had the old-fashioned pinks. I think I can furnish the bulbs, also bulbs of the white like, they will grow anywhere. Write me if you still want them. How many of the sisters know that vinegar heated with a little red pepper will break up night sweats? I have tried this and find it acts with perfect success; while warm rub the body with it for three or four nights. It is also good in cases of rheumatism.

I would love to receive letters, especially from the older sisters who remember me.

Mrs. Annie Herndon, Belmont, Spotsylvania Co., Va.

I am compelled to condense a long and interesting letter. The writer, an old subscriber,

says:
I am forced to write this corner since reading Mrs. Mooney's letter; it made me almost homesick, thinking of the old times and my dear old childhood's home in Miss. I, too, have camped out, fished and picked cotton, but here in Ky. it is different; the people of the South I love best.
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I was married at fourteen years, have a dear good husband and two children aged ten and

seventeen.

I suppose you all know something of the Kentucky night riders, farmers about here have been having so much trouble this winter with them, much of the tobacco crop has been destroyed.

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I should like to receive letters from any of my old friends near Oxford, Miss., or any of Compost's readers, especially those living in Miss. Mrs. R. L. Hanson, St. Matthews, R. D. 20, Ky.

Dear Comfort Friends:

Since my letter was published in Sept. 1905, I have received a great many letters from both young and old.

Now I suppose I shall shock some of the sisters as I differ from many of you, but I really like to live in town best, for then I can go to church, hear lectures, get good magazines and know more about the current events of the day. I think a mother, especially of boys, ought to be acquainted, through the press, with the statsemen in public office and teach the boys the meaning of the political questions of the day, especially during presidential campaigns. If boys are instructed when young the habit of study and reflection helps in later years; remember the boys of today are the men of tomorrow, and believe if every mother understood (they can if they try) the issues in our campaigns and it was talked over at home from every point of view, and great many votes would be saved that are otherwise lost. Not one in ten mothers ever give such a thing a thought, but if we all study and talk over these things with the "men folks" we will control more votes than we would by having the right of suffrage.

I think love of country is next to love of God. We've got a grand country and we ought to all do our little to make it better. Don't say we can't do anything; try and see if we.

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Mrs. Lenter. Did you receive the recipes? I mother says ever since I was large enough to the many of the suffering ones, the lilles." Amid all my earthily trials, I thank the lilles." Amid all my earthily trials, I thank the lilles." Amid all my earthily trials, I thank the lilles." Amid all the with Him. I have suffered, and will say to all the suffering ones, the lilles." Amid all the with Him. I have suffered, and will say to all the suffering ones, the lilles." Amid all the will suffered, and will say to all the suffering ones, the lilles." Amid all my earthily trials, I thank the lilles." Amid all my eart

HEROES OF THE BLUE AND GRAY and all their friends and admirers, Everybody North and South, East and West, all want to read that sweet, pathetic Decoration Day story in May COMFORT. Look after your subscription or you may not get it. Look for the Envelope Folder Subscription Blank.

When kettles burn remove from the stove, and set in a pan of cold water and the food will not taste. If more cooking is needed remove contents very carefully and use another kettle. If fat is hot before you are ready to use it put in a crust of bread and it will not burn. Pepper pods boiled with onions will prevent a disagreeable odor.

A baking powder can makes a fine substitute for a chopping knife.

Hope these hints may help someone, now as I have noticed in several letters inquiries in regard to claims, will say we live on one in Lyman Co. Moved here a year ago from Nebr. and like except for the lonesomeness. Many Indians are in this section still, as the country has only recently been opened up to settlers.

Trip county, on the other side of the White river, about a mile from us, is soon to be opened and then the Red men will again have to move on.

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river, about a mile from us, is soon to be opened and then the Red men will again have to move on.

I enjoyed reading of one of the sister's wagon trips. I have traveled considerably in this way. I took a trip the 21st of last Oct. By telegraph I was called to the bedside of my father, who died before I could get there.

Not having the means to go by rall I took my three little children and drove across country sixty miles to Burk, there took the train to Lynch, Nebr., my old home, stayed ten days and returned in the same way.

For miles I was alone, excepting for the children, crossing the prairies where no living thing could be seen excepting the roving herds of cattle and occasionally Jack rabbits and coyotes. I have a dear good husband and three bright, healthy children, but greatly miss human companionship. I wish some of the sisters would remember me with letters at any time. I can assure you they would be greatly appreciated.

MRS. ADA WITHERWAX, Houston, Lymon Co., S. Dak.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

assure you they would be greatly appreciated.

MRS. ADA WITHERWAX, Houston, Lymon Co., S. Dak.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

After a year of silence I come again to visit with you. I cannot express the pleasure and satisfaction I have derived from this interesting and social element of our dear paper.

Fearing that some of you may have thought me ungrateful, or slow to acknowledge the favors received I will say, although I could not write personally to all those who so kindly remembered me, I hope you will each accept my sincere thanks, and I wish you to know that each little gift, however small, was greatly an eclated, and that written in letters of gold upon the pages of memory are the names of all those who contributed to my happiness. As God surely rewards those who perform good deeds, He will remember everyone who performs the least act of kindness in His dear name.

Sisters, what did you think of our splendid Jubilee issue of Comfort? I think it was simply grand, and although we were promised something extra fine, it surpassed anything I had anticipated. Our gifted publisher really sprang a surprise, and it was something wonderful. I think. "The story of Comfort." surrounding the family group of our dear publisher indeed a treat, for which, I think, we owe him a vote of thanks.

I do not know how anyone can read these columns and not become inspired by their elevating influence to nobler and higher aims in life.

At last we had the pleasure of looking upon the kindly face of our dear Mrs. Wilkinson. Was it not a treat? Many of us no doubt, have drawn upon our imaginations, thinking just how she looked. I thought her much older.

As it will soon be time to put furs away I will tell how I clean mine. Heat nice clean wheat bran until you can scarcely bear your hand in it, then rub it into the fur thoroughly, the wrong way; now shake it out well and brush the furs with a clean brush, the opposite or right way till the bran is all out. Then pack away with camphor and cedar.

I wish I could grasp each of you by the h

MRS. M. M. WEST, Liberty, R. D. 4, Mo. DEAR FRIENDS:

I am glad I am one of this noble sisterhood. As so many of you love flowers I want to say that they have always been a great comfort to me. aver since my parents died, when the last greaf sorrow of my life came first about two years ago; the breaking up of our dear old home, the little flower garden, that I made myself, fell to my share. Here almost under the shadow of the dear old homestead, with its happy associations and sweet recollections taken away from me forever, I have built a little cottage to spend the few fleeting years of my life with my flowers as companions and friends, and dear sisters, they have proved to be the most beautiful and lovely companions, and the truest, sincerest friends I ever had. Our Saviour even used them in his own words, as an illustration to express the beauty and modesty of His own Personage.

SAVE A QUARTER NOW

WE WANT YOU ALL to renew your sub-scriptions this month, April, at the present low rate of 25 cents for two full years, before the price goes up to 25 cents a year in May.

When he said, "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley." And to illustrate the heavenly Father's care when He said, "Consider the lilles." Amid all my earthly trials, I thank Him for making it possible for us to have this one great comfort in life with Him. I have suffered, and will say to all the suffering ones, this permission of God to allow His trusting children to be so cruelly wronged by human injustice, is but a testing of their faith, as He did Job.

Now, dear sisters. I will be also to be a single to the content of the c

say we can't do anything; try and see if we can't.

Mrs. Lenter. Did you receive the recipes? I sent them last November.

Do any of the sisters ever bake wild rabbits? The surveyou they are fine, make dressing as for a fowl, stuff and bake, laying on the back as the most of the meat is there and it cooks through better, tame rabbits are best parboiled and fried in butter, wild ones baked as the sage in the dressing overcomes the wild flavor. I generally bake two large ones at a time, and hardly any is left, but of course some people wouldn't eat it.

Will some of the sisters send in lists of things they use in their children's lunch pails? I have time to pack and it is quite a problem sometimes what to put in that will be good as one can't be too careful of one's stomach.

Mrs. J. E. V. Remington, So. Dayfon, R. D. 33, N. Y.

From S. Dak. comes an interesting letter containing these good suggestions:

and encouraging letters.

Mother says ever since I was large enough to play, if girls came to our place I would go and play by myself rather than with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would an although I am now past fifty-two would yo and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would a go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go and play by t.e hour with them; but if boys came I would go an

woman to ever live happily with him. Why should any man ask more than he can give? But why leave all the teaching to the mother? I suppose with the business man in the city, where he necessarily spends most of his time away from the home, at the place of business, most of the teaching must be done by someone else; but on the farm it is not so, and I think it as much the father's place to do the teaching as it is the mother's. I think it is just as natural for girls to put confidence in father, and go to him for advice, and for boys to go to mother as it is for water to tun down hill; and the father who is not willing to take his daughter to his breast and teach her the ways of right and virtue is not worthy of the name father.

It is very true that mothers and young women can do a great deal to elevate mankind, and I think every teacher, minister, doctor and everyone whose business or duty it is to teach the young people of the present, should take more pains to teach the awfulness of the secret vices and sins.

This is a subject in which I am deeply interested and there are a great many more things I would like to say, but my letter is long now.

I will close with God's blessing for all the shut-ins.

JULIUS FOLGER, S. Frankport, Mich.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
It hardly seems possible that nearly twenty-one years have passed since I first received dear old Comport. I wish I still possessed the first copy I ever received of Comport or could obtain one.

A HIGHER PRICE and a BETTER COM-FORT after this April. Subscription rate goes to 25 cents a year in May. Send us 25 cents NOW, and we will renew or extend your subscription two full years from date of expiration.

Comfort has been to me the same as one of the family and when I miss a copy it seems one of my children has strayed away. There is no other paper so dear and near to me as Comfort. There was Aunt Minerva and her work, Cousin Cerls, Busy Bees and the World's Fair number. I still have part of it, with the cousins pictures in it, and now I look back and see the changes that have been made. The Wheel Chair Club, so popular. Long may Comfort live and prosper. If I could get out and get subscriptions for Comfort I would be glad to do so, but I have two babies and one sick, aged respectively sixteen and four months, so I am penned in. Two, sweet little children, a boy and a girl, my mercy work as Uncle Charlie would say.

Just a few blocks from where I am diving

penned in. Two, sweet little children, a boy and a girl, my mercy work as Uncle Charlie would say.

Just a few blocks from where I am living stands what is known as old Mission Dolores, built in 1776; it was put together by the indians under the direction of our forefathers. The rafters are all tied together with strips of rawhide, the roof is tiled wuth red tiling. There are many beautiful pictures on the walls, the altar also is not less beautiful. They are still holding services here, and one Sabbath I visited it and was shown over the Mission and the whole construction explained by one of its members; I also had the pleasure of being permitted to wander through the old graveyard which joins the Mission on the left. I am sending you a picture of this sacred place; it is located on the corner of 16th and Dolores streets.

Mrs. B. K. Sleet. Try condensed milk according to directions.

For a good cough syrup steep hoarhound leaves in water, strain, add one pound of honey to one pint of liquid, cook to a syrup, then add enough whiskey to make it keep, bottle and cork.

Will someone send recipe for making Mango pepper pickles?

Can anyone send the noems, "The Church Walking with the World?" The first verse starts like this:

"The church and the world walked far apart, On changing shores of time.

starts like this:

"The church and the world walked far apart,
On changing shores of time,
The world was singing a giddy song,
The church, a hymn sublime;
Come, give me your hand, said the merry old
world;
And walk with me this way,
But the good church hid her snowy hand and
solemnly answered Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
Nor will I walk with you,
Your ways are ways that lead to death,
And your words are all untrue."

I've forgotten the rest of it. I would like a letter party on April 11th, all letters answered. Miss Goodman. I will answer your letter soon, also Miss Anita Maux.

Mrs. Burt Callahan of Eagle Harbor, N. Y., please write.

please write.

Wishing you all success, wealth and happiness, I close adding my widow's mite to the shut-in fund.

"Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,
And sun and stars forever more have set,
The things which our weak judgments here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieve with lashes wet,
Will hash before us out of life's dark night.
As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue:
And we shall see how all God's plans are right,
And know what seems reproof was love most true."

LIDA M. DEARBORN, 639 a Giurrero St., San Francisco, Cal. DEAR READERS :

Francisco, Cal.

Dear Readers:

I come from the beautiful rolling high land country of N. C. I have gained so many ideas from these pages I want to help a bit. How many have a sewing box, which can also answer for a window seat? My box has the lid attached with hinges, on the inside of which are three bags for holding small pieces, the whole box is covered with pretty flowered material tacked on with brass-headed nails. In this I keep all my work, which is cut out ready for stitching.

To make a pretty thick rug take corn or oat sacks and sew together for covering several thicknesses of newspaper, previously stitched together, to give warmth and body. Get dye, two or three harmonious colors, dissolve and sprinkle on with a whisk broom, when dry, put on another color, these will blend and look very attractive.

Can some sister send in good recipe for making soda crackers. I tried the bread made with potato yeast and it was fine.

I will close with this song which I think good.

A Song of Worry

What's the use to sit and worry if you lose who thought to win.
Kick the worry out the winder—let the livin' sunshine in.
Time ain't sighin'.
He's a flyin',
Worryin' is half a sin!
What's the use to work for worry, ain't there any hope in sight?
Kick the worry out the winder, in the blizzard on the right.
Time don't worry,
Too much burry,
Swifter than an eagle's flight
What's the use; there ain't a reason nor the shadder of a rhyme.
When the worl' rolls on in music an' the stars are keepin' time;
Time ain't cryin';
He's a flyin',
An' you're on the wings of time!

An' you're on the wings of time!

Mus. Mintz. Fayetteville, R. D. 4, N. C.

DEAR SISTERS:

I am twenty-six years old and have four children, two boys and two girls. All mothers bereft of little ones have my sympathy and also girls who are motherless; it is twenty years since my mother was taken and how I longed for the love which so many girls do not cherish.

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Lady Isabel's Daughter or For Her Mother's Sin A Sequel to "East Lynne"

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Afy Hallijohn attends a banquet. Wine is poured out like water. She betrays all. Lionel's mother appears and bege him to tell her the horrible story is not true. Emma Mount Severn realizes the ruin wrought and she sees disgrace and death. Archibald Carlyle appears and drags her to the library. The sight she sees goes with her to the grave. Lionel's mother begs that he kill her before the curse of a blighted honor falls on her name.

CHAPTER XXXVI. (CONTINUED.)

Y lord never replied. For one awful second he stood and looked down at her with a face from which the last faint trace of color had flown, his lips parted suddenly, he half stooped to lift her up, and then something dark fell over the track of moonlight that shone through the open window—something loaded with brassy jewelry, reeking with attar of roses, rustling with gaudy finery, came in between the parted curtains and stood looking at him with a maudlin tipsy leer.

My lady had heard the step of the intruder and she sprang up with a breathless cry, but, before a word could be spoken, before my lord could recover from the panic of surprise, the woman—for woman it was—came recling drunkenly forward, caught at the back of a chair to stay herself, lifted her leering, painted, insolent face and said:

"Needn't mind me, mum. I'm ust ter dramatics and sitch. Loads of 'em in the opera you make the believe of the parte of surprise, the woman—for woman for your magazine is doing. I feel sure there of world and feels Sure It has Helped Many a poor suffering soul helped in this great twenty ceats each for Comfort, for which cover preferred. Comfort, for which cover preferred. Comfort is at wenty ceats each for Comfort, for which cover preferred. Comfort is book of poems, the liac cover in the months, only as I have been litted. I cannot feed little, but I still hope for health. Will try and get in your noble work and also dear Uncle Charlie. I am some months, only as I have been litted. I cannot feed little, but I still hope for health. Will try and get in your noble work and also dear Uncle Charlie. I am Mass. Vina Aldench, Ludington, R. D. 2, Mich.

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Marked There, Ark.

Poor Suffering Soul.

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Memory Comfort

Marked There, Ark.

Poor Suffering Soul

Wheel Chair.

You can certainly do something for this noble cause. You can get some subscribers, one at least, and if only one, then God bless you for that.

I would also remind you that Appil is the last month during which you can take subscriptions at the present low rate of 20 cents a year, and suggest that you all avail yourselves of this opportunity to make this month a record breaker for the WHEEL CHAIP CLUB.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes for a happy Easter,
Sincerely yours,
W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain, that for each and every 250 new one-year subscriptions to COMFORT sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID'S WHEEL CHAIR to some worthy destitute crippled Shut-in and I pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

I have taken so much space with my letter that you must excuse me for not printing more of the good letters from the friends of the Shut-ins this month

Thanks from One Who Had Appealed in Vaim I know it is the best little paper in the world and I

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I received my wheel chair today, Feb. 16, and I was oh, so thankful to get it. My little boy was so, pleased when we put him in his chair, he clapped his little hands for joy. He can roll it around so easy. It was all right, nothing broken. Little Jensie said he loved Uncle Charlie because he sent him bis chair. We were not able to buy the chair for him ourselves. God bless you for being so kind to the poor. I had written to many societies trying to get him a chair, but in vain.

I am, ever your grateful friend.

MRS. MINNNIE COOPER.

Another Shut-in's Heart Overflows With Gratitude to COMFORT'S Publisher and Readers for Her Wheel Chair.

Readers for Her Wheel Chair.

DEAR MR. GANNETT, AND COMFORT'S READERS:
No tongue or pen can tell how much I thank you for my lovely wheel chair. I was helped into my chair the first fine day, and rolled out on to the porch, and viewed the beautiful blue sky, enjoyed the fresh air, and God's lovely sunshine of which I had been deprived for many years. I am longing for spring, so I can get out and see the pretty flowers and beautiful birds. I am twenty-seven years old and have been shut in from early childhood. My heart overflows with love and gratitude to you all. May God bless and reward you for this glorious work. I shall be pleased to hear from all Comfort readers.

Your grateful servant,
Miss Callie D. Barefoot.

From a Shut-in Friend to Whom COMFORT

From a Shut-in Friend to Whom COMFORT Means So Much. She Invokes God's Blessing on COMFORT and Dear Uncle Charlie

letters from the friends of the Shut-ins this month

Thanks from One Who Had Appealed in Vain to Many Societies for a Wheel Chair

Stella, Va.

Dear Uncle Chaille:

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I Beceive Many Appeals Like the Following and I Wish I Had the Means to Supply a Wheel Chair in Every Case. Read It, for It takes You All In

My Dear Mr. Gannett:

I am sending you eight new subscribers with my renewal for two years. Mr. Gannett, I wish this to be used for the benefit of the Wheel Chair Club, the money order, one dollar and eighty-five cents to pay for same.

I don't see how anyone can ask for a premium and so many shut-ins that are suffering for a wheel chair. There is a lady that lives near me that has something like peralysis; she can't walk alone. She lives with her brother; he has a family to support and is not able to buy her a chair.

I want you to send her a chair. She is a worthy woman—a good Christian lady. Her name is, Mrs. Lizzie McCay. I will give the postmaster's name as a reference—Mr G. P. Seif, Adville, Ala.

I will try to get some more subscribers to your paper. Your paper is a godsend to the poor shutins. May the Lord bless you in this noble work.

Sincerely yours, Miss Vessir McVay.

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Sincerely yours, Miss VESSIE MOVAY.

81.00 With Five Subscriptions to the Credit of
the Wheel Chair Club from a New Subscriber
who Likes COMFORT Very Huch and Is Impressed by its Noble Charity Work

W. H. GANNETT:

Dear Sir.—I am a new subscriber to your paper and like it very much. I received my first paper this month, in reading it over I noticed your noble work and I am sending these new subscribers for the benefit of the Wheel Chair Club. Please credit these subscribins to them as I think it is a grand and noble work and deserves praise and help, so therefore I add my mite. Please find inclosed one dollar for the new subscribers following.

Yours respectfully.

Mrs. H. Lindered, 149 West 6th St., Dunkirk, N. Y.

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POOR SHEETING SOUL

MARKED TREE, ARK.

DEAR SIR.—I feel it my duty to thank you for the good work your magazine is doing. I feel sure there is many a poor suffering soul helped in this great world all through that blessed little magazine Components. I have helped a good many of Components shutches and I shall continue to help them as long as I can.

MR. H. Gannett, Augusta, Maine: Streator, ILL.

DEAR SIR.—Inclosed please find one dollar and a list to the whele chair fund. I think your plan is a bless-time to the please of the property of Lady Isabel Carlyle's bitter sin, the history of Sir Francis. The plant of the helples cripples. We shing you much success in your undertakings I remain, respectfully.

MR. LILLIAN STORS, 513 Leundy Street, Streator, III.

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other ears. Far down the corridor the noise of the he will the household was aroused—that the servants were coming—but he never stirred, never spoke.

A moment more and they had reached the library. A frantic hand tried the door, found it locked, and then someone gave the order to the library. A frantic hand tried the door, found it locked, and then someone gave the order to the the locked, and then someone gave the order to splinters of the door fell about him, the servants rushed in and flocked around him with lamps and flaming candelabra, and besieged him with questions, maddened him with shrieks and groans, but never a moment, never a word, until:

"Lionel, my boy, what is it," broke in Archibald Carlyle's voice.

My lord straightened as though he had received an electric shock, a wild cry escaped him, with an awful look.

"Wretch, the truth is out," he shrieked, maniacally. "Il know the secret; I have heard the story. It has killed her and would to God it had in a well as her own. Your wife has revealed it. He flung out his hand as he spoke and pointed to the figure in the chair.

Archibald Carlyle turned suddenly, looked at LaSylphine, staggered back and gasped:

"Just heaven, it is Afy Hallijohn."

The words reached her drowsy ears, she lifted her head, saw him, and came forward with the simple remark—sublime in its simplicity:

"Well, I never! Why, Mr. Carlyle, how do you do? Lawk a mussy! I never knew you was here and—""

She stopped suddenly and clapped her hand over her mouth.

"There, if I ain't gone and put my foot in it, after all." she said with a vapid giggle. "But stress as guns."

My lord stood still and looked at her. Reverent hands had lifted that fair old figure and borne it quietly to a velvet lounge across the room, but he neither saw nor heard, and turning swiftly, Archibald Carlyle looked at him.

"Lord Beresford, who has told you this woman is, or ever has been my wife?" he said huskily. "She is nothing to me—less than nothing to have a sure as guns."

My lord stood still and looked at

afore you, is there, Mr. Carlyle, Lady Rosamond fixed it up in pretty straight style; but, good gracious it won't wash now I'm afeard. I've made a fool of myself—I'm always a-doin' it, somehow."

My lord was standing there still—stone, ice, marble—and looking straight before him with that set and stupefied stare. Archibald Carlyle laid one hand on his shoulder.

"Lionel," he said, very tenderly, "Lionel, poor boy, there is something I should have told long ago, but I kept it until I can keep it no longer. Lionel, in the hour of death may I tell it now. May I send the servants from the room and tell you the sacrifice, the anguish, the atonement of your wife for the sins of mine—the secret which has darkened Isabel's life and—and (God help and pity you both), may stand forever a guit between her pride and yours:"

My lord did not reply in words. That dazed, deep stupor seemed to enchain him yet. He merely bowed his head in acquiescence, and so quietly dismissing the servants, and with no one near but LaSylphine and the silent dead, the story of Lady Isabel Carlyle's blighted life was laid bare by her most miserable husband, and the heart wounds time had thinly healed were opened up afresh to-my lord's horrified gaze.

He listened to the last terrible word—listened in death-like silence—never changing that rigid, corpse-like stare, never altering that stark, erect position. There was no change in him when the story was ended, save that a look of hopelessness filted his eyes, an ashen grayness lay upon his face, and his lips were tightened and rigid under the golden mustache.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE HAND OF JUSTICE.

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When Pierre Bloushar left my lady and her scheming mother at the Laurel Hedge, and hastened across the moon-lit lawn to the shadow of the trees beyond, it was his sincere intention to make all baste in reaching the Devonshire Arms where he had left LaSylphine reveling in wine with her boon companions, and if not by persuasion, at least by force, wring from her the truth of all she had proclaimed in her tipsy folly. But, you know the old proverb: "Man proposes, etc." witness the fulfillment now; for a higher power than his own miserable will had already ordained it that Monsieur Pierre Bloushar, standing now on the Earl of Beresford's domain, should never again quit it.

Hurrying straight on through the trees, he issued near the entrance to the great Oak Walk, and within a stone's throw of the mahsion, turned swiftly to filt across the lawn and down the path to the great gates, when something brought him to a dead standstill, with a little gasp of terror.

That something was a woman's agonizing shriek, issuing from the open window of the great library—a wild, ear-spliting, blood-curdling shriek, the awful death-cry uttered by Vivlenne, Countess of Beresford as she fell lifeless to the floor.

"Mon Dieu! what was that?" gasped Pierre, the counter of the street of the counter of the counter of the countered by Vivlenne, Countess of Beresford as she fell lifeless to the floor.

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strick, the awful death-cry uttered by Vivienne, floor.

Countess of Beresford as she fell lifeless to the "Mon Dieu! what was that?" gasped Pierre, reeling back in the moonlight, and ciutching at the gnarled bole of a mighty oak. "It came from the window of the library, and—Peste! what an awful cry. Hark! the household is astir. Something has happened, and—and—Ma foi, I must know."

He glanced hurriedly at the mansion. Lights were flashing to and fro, people were hastening down the stairs with noisy outcries, and presently there came the awful sound of a door being battered down.

Monsieur Bloushar waited for nothing more. Glancing at the library window, where lights were now affame and the din of voices rang, hind the clustering roses, and so ran on until the window was reached.

One look, only one—and he staggered back with a smothered cry.

"Betrayed, mon Dieu! betrayed," he grated in an angry whisper. "The drunken fool has sold us—the game is up—LaSylphine has baffled me, but better for her that she had never been born. Basta! the fool is acknowledging all. Hark, she acknowledges the scheme, she confesses that she is Afy Hallijohn, she throws us over to save herself, and I—ma foi, I'll hear it to the end. I'll see the tragedy played out and there"—a ghostly smile flickered over his wicked face—"then say your prayers, Mademoiselle LaSylphine, for the moment you leave that room you die like a dog."

He sank down in the shrubbery as he ceased speaking, and listened eagerly, with that murderous purpose in his heart. LaSylphine should die for her treachery; he would kill her for baffing him to toid himself; but the hand of Heaven was in the eclaircisement and Monsieur Pierre Bloushar, crouching there and listening to that dreadful scene was marked already as the instrument of vengeance where now his thoughts never turned.

Yes, it was all told—the story of Sir Francis Levison's falsehood end deceit—and my jord

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OLLOA kids! Young kids and old kids, male kids and female kids, I wish you all a happy April 1st. Law jub you all a happy April 1st. Law jub you seem Toby down town to buy a looze post of the post of the will be to have you have to be you down to have you down to have you have young to the dry goods store to buy a pound of fishes' feet for dinner. I expect there will be trouble when they come home. I always believe in celebrating All Fool's Day, for there is nothing like a little foolishness to grease the wheels of ife.

Scores of letters are pouring in to Conform, suggesting all sorts of schemes for alding the sick, helpless, destitute or aged. Most of them are on this order: "Dear Uncle Charlle:—lam a minister's wife." By the number who claim to be minister's wife." By the number who claim to be minister's wifes, I should imagine that they must be "sixteen to one." sixteen wives to every minister in the country. Then the writer goes on and says that she has some article for sale, and if I will give her advertising space in Comfort, she will send me a quarter of the proceeds to distribute to the shut-ins. Then hundreds

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of girls and boys, young and old, get into the hands of song fakirs, and get loaded up with a lot of foolish staff, and tell me that if I will advertise this dope at fifty cents a copy, they will give me a third (sometimes they are even generous enough to offer half) to buy wheel chairs with. Then there are all sorts and conditions of people who have little mortgages on their farms, running from five hundred dollars up to six or ten thousand, and want us to pay them offer on page 30.

Don't send you subscriptions to our grand exceed them of One lady of adamantine nerve, in Kansas, wrote me and said she had not had very you write them with your address and age on their farms, running from five hundred dollars up to six or ten thous

Now for the letters.

Dear Uncle and Cousins:

Not having seen any letters from this part of the country I thought I would drop you a few words. I am thirteen years of age, five feet six inches tall, have blue eyes, golden curly hair, fair complexion. I go to school every day and like it fine, am in the eighth grade. I live in the southern part of Kentucky, eight miles from the nearest village, a thriving little town. I have two sisters and two brothers. I have one brother in the United States navy.

I have an organ and can play very well. Uncle, you ought to come out and hear me play some.

I can do all kinds of housework such as cooking froning, milking an etectra. I would like to hear from all the cousins. Will answer all letters and postals received. With love and fond wishes to Uncle and the cousins. Your loving niece and cousin, Bessiu A. Rogers.

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Bessie, I am glad you live in a place with the cousins the cousins the cousins the cousins that I was savely in the cousins the cousins the cousins the cousins that I was not the cousins the cousins that I was not cousins the cousins that I was not well as the cousins that I was not the cousins that I was not cousing the cousins that I was not cousins that I was not cousins th

Quails are plentiful here. We boys have quite a time hunting coons and possums by moonlight. We don't fish much as it is against the laws of Oklahoma to fish with more than one rod and line at a time, and when boys go fishing they want to set the rods too. How many of the cousins like reading? I do. I read all the good literature I can get. I think the best works I have read are "Ivanhoe," "Lady of the Lake" and "Evangeline." I almost love Evangeline. Did any of you ever read "Thirty-one years on the plains and in the mountains?" I love the stories in "COMFORT," especially "Charlie's Fortune." Isn't he a hero? I am about five feet five inches short, have black hair and blue eyes, and dark complexion, weigh about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, and am a great mother's boy. All boys should love and respect their mothers. Boys at the age of nineteen generally think they know it all, but not. I. An old adage is that a boy that is kind to mother will as a man be kind to a wife, for men are just boys grown tall. If you wish to correspond with a lonely cousin, address,

Clyde, I am very glad to hear from you. I am glad to find that you are a boy of good moral principles, and studious. Like yourself I have studied all the common branches. I was out West once, and was chased by a bear, and sat up a tree for three days, and if I did not study all the common branches then, ask me another. I am glad to find you raise so many things, and sorry to hear you are raising cain. I will not go hunting and kill birds, Clyde, except birds of prey. I would not care to live in a birdless world, and that is what you boys would make it if you had your way. Birds and flowers are the most beautiful things God has given us, with which to adorn and beautify this earth, and I don't think we have any right to murder them. I am glad to find Clyde, that you have such a taste for fine literature. The great authors are a source of endless delight, but I must candidly confess that I never read "Thirty-one years on the plains and in the mountains." Much as I love reading, and much as I desire that every-

Just see what we have done, And read what they have won. The prizes and the money. (See page 30.)

one should devote a certain time of each day to perusing good literature, I would not advise anyone to read thirty-one years on the plains and in the mountains. A man who spent thirty-one years of his life in reading on plain and mountain would be overdoing the thing entirely. How a man could read all that time on the plains without getting shot by Indians, or in the mountains without getting eaten by timber wolves and bears beats me. That man must have read an awful lot of books, if he was reading thirty-one years steady. We have so many duties to perform in this life: dodging the landlord, talking about our neighbors, shooing the chickens off the perch, catching the grip, measles, and other ordinary pastimes, extracting flies from the cream pitcher, chasing skeeters off Pop's bald spot, hiding from poor relations, listening to other people's conversations over the phone, seeing that the president of the local savings bank, who is also the superintendent of the Sunday school does not run away with the local bank, minding the business of our neighbors, getting divorced, married, buried, etc., that really one hasn't time to read thirty-one years on the plains_and in the mountains. When I read I prefer to read in my chicken coop for about an hour at a time, I positively could not read for thirty-one years that borders on madness. Don't do it, Clyde, for pity's sake don't do it.

UNCLE CHARLIE:

UNCLE CHARLIE:

I would like to hear from some of the cousins in Texas. It is cold here, and not much work that there is any pay in. I want to go to Texas, but would like to know something of the country. The papers tell us that land sells for about two dollars to five dollars an aere, then I saw a man that was in Galveston and he gave me to understand that it was a city in a sandy desert. I wrote to some cousins that I've seen mentioned in the paper, but none answered, so I ain't got any proof that anybody lives in Texas. Now if there are any cousins there I hope they will write and tell me what kind of a place it is, and if there is a place where I would be welcome when I got there. I want to leave here in the spring and will, if I have to walk. Well, good by.

W. J. Tusser.

RIONDIES, TENN.

I am eighteen years old, am five feet and nine inches tall, weigh one hundred and fifty pounds, have black hair, black eyes, fair complexion. I live in sunny Tennessee, eight miles from Rogersville, one mile from school and church. My father owns a nice farm here. I am not going to school just now. I will go back to Knoxville to school soon. I am studing short hand, have completed bookkeeping. My father owns a saw-mill which he is running. It is up in Virginia (CONTINUED ON PAGE 15.)

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A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

HE month of April usually ushers in the first really nice weather of the year. Perhaps that is the reason why the people act so silly on the first day. I want all my nephews to have the best time of their lives this month and I

Word-building Game

This game is not one of the old cut-and-dried sort but is one in which the really bright person is bound to come out winner. Blank slips of paper are furnished to each of the players and then a word of medium length is chosen and written down by each on the top of the sheet. Each player now tries to see how many words he can compose from the letters in the chosen word. When finished the lists are read aloud and those alike in the different papers are cancelled. The one having the most new words wins. Dean hephews please write to Uncle John and tell him alow you like this game and the Boys' Corner in general.

A Home-made Dog Collar

accompanying illustrations show a plan king a dog collar out of a piece of dis-harness, which should strongly appeal to

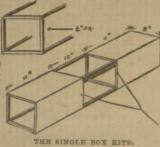
have it cut an measured to sul drive in a double row of brass-headed up holstering tacks, clinching them, on the reverse side. Over the clinched ends glue a piece of soft felt to protect the neck of the animal. With smaller tacks you can put in the dog's name on the strap so it will be on the side while being worn. Soften the leather by applying successive coats of linseed oil and when dry polish to a bright hue with shoe blacking. If you follow directions you will be surprised at the beauty and utility of this collar.

. The Walled Lakes

Boys, how would you like to see big lakes surunded by high stone fences? Perhaps some
omform nephew who reads this lives near the
onderful bodies of water I am going to tell you
bout. They are in Iowa and the Dakotas and
re accounted one of the most remarkable natural
uriosities on earth. Each of them is surrounded
by a high and regular wall, close to the water's
dge, as plum and even as if it had been built
y a mason. The lakes are shallow and freeze
olid to the bottom and it is thought that the excounty of the water while freezing pushes the
bocks to the borders and piles them up in the
tirm of a fence. I will be much pleased to have
ome Western lad write me a fuller description
them.

The Single Box Kite

you do not know that kite flying is a astime and is indulged in to a large crown people in China and Japan. In-ands of men in our own country in an



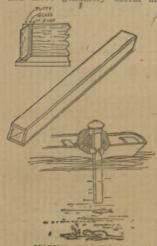
ordinary strain. To start the kite hold it in an apright position and run against the wind. Now you're off for a good time.

Good by dear nephews for another upright position and run against the wind. Now you're off for a good time.

Uncle John.

Marine Telescope

not know of anything more easily made nore generally useful and amusing to a live, sport-loving boy than

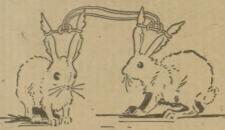


sed. To make doubly sure of this it is best to putty the cracks and then paint the entire box. A square pane of glass is put into one end of the ong box in the manner clearly illustrated in the

Proper Care of Stoves

Here is a valuable trade secret that I freely we to my dear COMFORT nephews so that they ay keep the parlor heater bright and shiny from ar to year. As soon as your heating stove is

The Puzzle of the Rabbits



visible. The rope originally was one continuous loop or ring. They can be separated in a jiffy if you know how. Uncle John will show you in next month's COMFORT. The way to try the trick is to arrange the line as shown on a pair of scissors, two screws or two gold rings. It can be done, oh so simply.

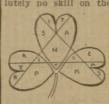
Answer to March Puzzle

The answer to the shamrock puzzle given last month is here pictured. The letters arranged in their proper order spell Saint Patrick's Day.

Spelling-card Trick

The beauty of this card trick is that while it completely baffles the spectators it requires absolutely no skill on the part of the performer.

First, select from the deck all the hearts, thirteen in



number and place them on the table in the following order three, eight, seven, one, queen, six, four, two Jack, king, ten, nine, five. Arrange them in a pile face down, so that three, will be the top card, eight next and so on in the order given. Now begin to spell "0", "n" "e", one, and each time you pronounce a letter take a card from the top and place it on the bottom. When you have spelled one, turn up the card and you will find it is the ace, next spell "", "w", "o", two, turn the card face up and you will find it is the deuce and so on through the whole series from ace to ten then jack, queen, king. When you finish spelling a card place it out on the discarded pile. This trick will certainly puzzle the company and all the knowledge it requires on your part is the proper arrangement as given above.

Problems for the Studious

In spite of the fact that the warm months are drawing nigh interest in the problems continues to grow. If you want some pastime to keep you engaged on a wet or stormy day try those questions given here. Even if you are well up in arithmetic the chances are it will take you some time to solve them. Answers will appear next month.

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1.—A. could reap a field in 20 days, but if B. assisted him for 6 days, he could reap it in 16 days; in how many days could B. reap it alone?

2.—Divide the number 34 into two such parts that if 18 be substracted from the greater, and the less be subtracted from 18, the first remainder shall be to the second as 2 to 3.

3.—Divide 91 into two such parts that the greater, being divided by their difference, will give a quotient of 7.

The answer to last month's questions are given herewith:

1.—My age now 44 4-9 years, your age now 33½ years. 2.—2.75 miles. 3.—6.18 miles.

April Closing Remarks

month's articles brought me hundreds ratulatory letters and I suppose this will too. I take pleasure in these letters wer pass over one carelessly. In next Corner besides giving answers to all

The puzzles and problems we will have a boil of good things appropriate to the season. Don't fail to get that number and keep your subscription paid up. Good by dear nephews for another with the property of the paid up. Good by dear nephews for another with the paid the pa

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making about these venquial and not because they are ventrilomerit or value themselves.

The following dialogue between ventriloquist
and little girl may be committed to memory:

Little girl (behind curtain).—"I say, I shan't
stay much longer."

Ventriloquist (appearing surprised).—"Why
Mary, how long have you been behind that curtain?"

L. G.—"You know I've been seen the

evening."

even.—"Now, now, Mary, I heard you come in a minute ago; I'm sure you can't be smothered. I know you'll stay where you are for a little

ven.—"Now, now, mary, I heard you come in a minute ago; I'm sure you can't be smothered. I know you'll stay where you are for a little while."

Ven.—"Well, Mary, come and make your bow to these ladies and gentlemen!"

L. G.—"I'm not fit to be seen. I'll stay 'sre." Ven.—"I thought you wanted to come out."

L. G.—"I say!"

Ven. (looking behind him).—"Yes."

L. G.— (whispers).—"I say! look at that funny little man."

Ven.—"Hush, hush! you musn't pass rude remarks."

L. G.—"I say! Look at that——"

Ven.—"You musn't pass rude remarks. Will you oblige these ladies and gentlemen with a song?"

L. G.—"I shan't."

Ven.—"That's right. (Turning to audience), Ladies and gentlemen, Mary will sing."

L. G.—"No: I'll recite."

Ven.—"You'll recite. Well, let us have your recitation."

L. G. (commences in high pitched voice).—

"What are the blind waves——"

Ven.—"What are the wild waves saying? Yes, go on."

L. G.—"Shan't! You've interrupted."

Ven.—"Come, Mary. I only corrected you. Let these ladies and gentlemen hear you recite, 'What are the wild waves saying?"

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L. G.—"Shan't. I'm going." (Sound of light foot falls heard.)

Voice in the distance, (old man).—"You naughty little girl, go back at once."

Ven. (talking loudly).—"I say, old fellow! I say, do you hear?"

Voice in the distance, (very faint).—"Can't guv'nor, she's gone."

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Before attempting to practice with the foregoing dialogue you must be sure to have committed it well to memory. It looks easier than it is. In learning to practice it take three or four lines at a time and thoroughly master the ventriloquial effect of each. When use little girl replies petulantly, "Shan't," the sound must be sharp.

LAST CHANCE to win a cash prize and premiums, too, in COMFORT'S great subscription prize contest. April is the last month of this great six months' contest with many prizes for each month and Grand Prizes to be paid in May. Read about it on page 30.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Through my most trying years I had not even a sister to turn to but I was kept in the straight and narrow path by my faith in God.

How many of the sisters have taken up their sible when in sorrow and have read the words hey have opened to and found comfort?

Eva Yates. Do you think women are reponsible for all the men and boys who go istray? I do not. How often a father's exponsible for all the men and boys who go istray? I do not how often a father's exponsible for all the men and boys who go istray? I believe each one responsible for himself. I believe each one responsible for himself. Mothers may spend their lives teaching but sons will go wrong in spite of knowledge. It is what is in one.

in one.

I am so sorry for all in poor health, have not en well myself for six years, but most of the en well myself work. Hoping all the sisters a blessed with husbands as good as mine and ping to hear from some of you soon.

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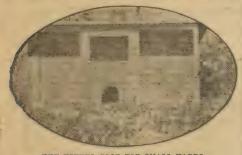
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Early Hatching Means Early Profits

HICKS, and youngsters of all kinds of poultry, should be kicking their way into the world in goodly numbers on every farm at this season of the year, for it is the early fryers, roasters, and egg-layers that tip the scale to profit depths, and unless cuicks are hatched early and kept growing steadily, they won't mature in time to be profitable. The chicks should be culled, and the best-looking ones kept to increase the egg-production next fall, and others for the market. Chickens over eight weeks old, properly brought up, should have two inclosures of wire netting, with coops three by six feet, containing two roosts not more than a foot from the ground. One of these will comfortably house thirty chicks. These coops are best without floors, then all that is necessary in the way of cleaning is the removal to a fresh spot once every three days. If, however, the land is damp, a floor is necessary. Remember, three of the most deadly enemies to poultry of any class or age all commence with I)—damp, draught and dirt.

For future layers I choose those most active in manner, most compact in build, with good-sized,



THE USEFUL COOP FOR SMALL YARDS.

bright eyes. There is a certain something about a chicken which indicates the profitable fowl of the future; actual, notable points seem hard to define. It is a sort of instinct. If you are really interested in fowls, you will know better what I mean than a hundred thousand words can tell you; if you are not, a million won't explain it.

Do not put any acceptant

Interested in fowls, you will know better what I mean than a hundred thousand words can tell you; if you are not, a million won't explain it.

Do not put any cockerels in with the young pullets if you can help it, but at this early age you may make mistakes. If you do, remedy as soon as discovered. Even chick-pullets do not do as well if the males are shut up with them; so keep all masculines in the market inclosure, unless, of course, you have been breeding from choice, thoroughbred birds. Then the fall as stock.

The most suitable place to erect the young pullets' inclosure is in the orchard, for the patches of sun and shade it furnishes seem just what they want. Falling that, or a spot which has some brush on it, you must put up a few shade boards. Cut four thin cedar posts four feet long. Point one end. Hammer them into the ground at equal distances, adding a roof of light fimber; or even nail some cedars across and cover with brush.

Young pullets' food must be varied to keep them growing continually, but not too rapidly, because we want sturdy, strong frames. Hulled oats, animal food—either meat meal, beef scraps, or scraps from the butcher—wheat and cracked corn should be the staple.

In the morning, mash a quart each of ground oats, corn meal, animal meal, two quarts of bran, all mixed and moistened with water. If you feed fresh scraps from the butcher instead of any of the animal meals, give them at midday, mixing the mash with milk if you have it, and adding green cut bone twice a week. This, of course, means buying a bone crusher, but you will need it for winter layers, so may as well get it now. Naturally, if they cannot be on a grass run, you must provide them with green food—cut grass, clover, plantain or lettuce. All birds must have green stuff. If you have

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about the size of a pea half an inch from the edge. Take a pie plate one inch deep and half an inch wider all around than the tomato can. Fill the tin with water, put the pie plate upside down on top, then turn both over quickly—when only enough water will come out to cover the holes, and keep just that much in the plate until the edge are again wanted the in is empty, for the little hole acts as a self-feeder as the chicks drink.

Correspondence

S. E. M. writes that she has twenty-two hensitat look healthy and are fat. have fine range and coverything that is necessary for their comfort, yet don't lay as they should.

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LATER IN THE SEASON.

SHELTEE FOR REPPING OFF NOONDAY SUN LATER IN THE SEASON.

In separate enclosures during the breeding season; lister the males are kept varied until the eggs are again wanted for hatching, the following season. Birds should be mated ten days or three weeks before eggs are used for hatching.

Note. A subscriber interested in poultry, has sent in the following comment, which I think may be helpful:

"Gather green pine needles, break them into small piece of rusting makes it only harder to bear. Of course I don't mean to weakly give in to ill-needs; the a handful and a small piece of rusty iron in a piece of muslin, and place in the drinking water.

A lady assures me that she has used it constantly for several years, and never had any slek fowls."

SHELTEE FOR KERPING OFF NOONDAY SUN

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W. I. M.—Please tell me what is the matter with the sand turkeys, and how I can help them, hey commence to gape when a few days old, and connuctill they die, for only a few of them have got

worms, I imagine, as they are rarely affected by them.

A. W. T.—In your part of the country, where
there is never any severe cold weather, Leghorn hens
will be the most satisfactory for eggs. The bones
to grind must be fresh, with bits of gristite and meat on
them, and therefore could not be shipped and kept
for any length of time. Surely your butcher could
let you have enough for a small flock once or twice
a week. If not, get lean meat scraps, or bny beef
scraps especially prepared for poultry, and salt by
the bag, out of poultry-supply stores.



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teach them to be pure in deed and thought we can save them and ourselves so much trouble. Eva Yates of Neb. Your letter in regard to morals was good.

Mrs. Harriet M. Klise. I sympathize with you, it was very hard for you to give up your darling baby. Remember, God is good, "His will not ours be done."

We have both lived in the grand old state of Mo. all of our lives, and like farm life very much. I love to live in the country, where we can get plenty of pure air and water.

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I would like to hear from any of the sisters. I will answer. My next visit will carry some helpful hints.

MRS. OMER PARSONS, Oto, Mo.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

MRS. OMER PARSONS, Oto, Mo. DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:
I have often thought I would write to our Corner. I enjoy the letters from the shut-ins, especially, for I am one myself, having been confined to the bed for nearly two years with neuralgia of heart and nervous prostration, although now I am dressed much of the time, and can sit up but a little. I can walk but a few feet, so have to be carried or drawn in a chair from one room to another. I am twenty-ning years of age and have been an invalid, or semi-invalid, for nearly fifteen years. It am thankful to be better than a year ago, I wish all would send their ages.

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send their ages.

Mrs. N. Rubert, Ill.—You just express my sentiments. To leave all our troubles with Him,
knowing that He understands it all if we do not,
now, I wonder if you learned this lesson through
suffering?

Mrs. N. Strain, Kans.—I too, believe in being healed through faith and prayer, but you
know, God doesn't always think it best to answer as we pray. We have to learn the lesson
first that He means we should to say, "Thy will,
not mine be done."

Katle Lamar, Mt. Vernon, Mo. I hope you continue to gain, dear. I truly know how to
sympathize.

Abbie Grant, Roscoe, N. Y. Your postal received. Am so sorry for you. I don't think you
understand about faith. It isn't because we lack
faith that our prayers seem to remain unanswered, we lave to wait God's time, it is Ilis will
that must le done not ours. We shut-ins, can,
perhaps, do His will as well by patiently accepting what He sends, as in the way we'd like
to have it. They also serve who only stand
and wait, you know.

Miss Belle Burden, Ga. I was interested in
your letter about our dear shut-in Annie Peary.
She is one of my dear pen correspondents. A
sweet sufferer.

Mrs. Anna Butterfield, Mo. What a useful
life you and your husband lead! Am glad you
are able to be a "soldier of the cross." It has
been a cross to me not to be able to work for
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Miss. Amountains were enjoyed. I too.

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who had accompanied Jonas on his fret arriver position in the household, and was rarvly summoned from the warm chimney-corner, where he dozed away the sortening days in a state of seeming carlespe.

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Concerning the Daily Bath

fumed bath, the cold bath, etc., etc. Also I want to give you my idea of how a woman should take a bath.

As a great many of my girls live in the country where they have not the convenient bathtub, it is best to use a large wash-basin, standing the while on a strip of oil-cloth. Really the bath taken in a bash is much more beneficial than one taken in a bath-tub, as with the former you simply have to scrub and wash, whereas with the latter some women are inclined to lie luxuriously in the water, forgetting that what the body needs is to be cleansed of grimy deposits which cannot be done without the use of soap, a wash cloth and friction.

Now, dear girls, don't be afraid of being too clean. You just can't be even' if you were to bathe six times a day instead of once.

The girl who takes a bath in a wash-basin (I'm a country girl and have done it myself) should get a large basin, a tig pitcher full of quite hot water, a cake of soap, a rough wash cloth and a Turkish bath towel. Put all these belongings on a strip of oil-cloth in your room and standing on the oil-cloth yourself, begin your bath by dipping the cake of for in the water and then going over the upper part of the body with it. Soap yourself thoroughly and then begin to scrub diligently with your wet wash cloth. When you feel as if this portion of the body was sweet and clean, take the bath towel and run, rub, rub until your skin is all aglow. Now take the lower part of the body and woo through the same process. You should not take more than ten minutes for this bath but these ten minutes must be busy ones. Be sure to rub briskly, both with the wash cloth and the towel, as only in this way can the numberless tiny pores be opened and cleansed from the impurities.

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The girl who wants to keep her skin soft, her flesh firm, her limbs pliant and round, and her whole body in a state of perfect beauty and health, must take the daily bath and use plenty of soap and water and friction.

I haven't said anything about when to take this daily bath as I intend to leave that to you. Some may find it more convenient to bathe before going to bed, others in the morning. It really makes very little difference when the bath is taken so long as it is taken.

I'm sure a great many of you who are, say—a wee bit too stout, will be glad to know of a bath that will reduce the body and which is within your power. The very hot bath will help take off the extra pounds of flesh but in order to take it you must fill a laundry tub full of hot water into which you throw a handful of coarse salt. Now sit down in the tub of water, throw a sheet around you and over the top of the tub and remain there for from twenty to thirty minutes. After this you emerge very pink and very hot and give yourself a good rub-oown with a rough bath-towel. In case you have any eruption on the body, it is best to omit the salt. This bath should be taken in the evening before going to bed.

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Then there is the sponge bath with buttermilk for the too stout woman. A quart of buttermilk would be quite sufficient and think how and you will feel with your extra pounds gradually disappearing. I think two buttermilk baths and two hot baths a week would make you grow beautifully thin in a very short time.

The thin girl who lives in the country is very fortunate as she can take the milk baths and grow plump and beautiful, with very little grow beautifully thin in a very short time.

The thin girl who lives in the country is very fortunate as she can take the milk baths and grow plump and beautiful, with very little grow blump and blump and draw blump and well and Have you ever felt tired out after a long

body, until you are like a sweet-smelling rose Benzoin is a skin whitener also so you will b



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RUB UNTIL YOUR SKIN IS ALL
ACTOW.

Sleep girls, as sleepless nights bring wrinkles and yellow complexions, tired dull eyes, and, oh, hosts of unbecoming and unbeautiful things!
Bathe often and you will see great improvement in your complexion and general health.

Questions and Answers

BY KATHERINE BOOTH

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN

At Ford's Theater, April 14, 1865

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N the fifteenth day of April, 1865, the civilized world was inexpressibly horrified by the shocking news of the

N the fifteenth day of April, 1865, the civilized world was inexpressibly horrified by the shocking news of the assassination of President Lincoln. Lincoln had visited Richmond on April 4th, the day after its occupation assas and pity had viewed the smoking ruins of he Confederate capital.

On April 9th General Lee had accepted General reant's magnanimous terms of surrender, so beral and considerate as to bring tears of gratinate to the eyes of the great Southern commaner,—gratitude in behalf of his soldiers and his copie, for his heroism was above selfish conderations,—and to cause the kind-hearted Union ero to be revered by the Southern people. President Lincoln's favorite and almost only orm of recreation during his four strenuous ears at the White House consisted of occalonally attending the theater.

A very popular comic play, such as Lincoln nost enjoyed, entitled "Our American Cousin," as having a successful run at Ford's Theater was the top of the President and Mrs. Grant's duties called him away from that afternoon so that he and Mrs. Incoln with General Grant's duties called him away from the form of the president and Mrs. Grant was still so busily engaged with official natters that he was half an hour late in starting, and told Mrs. Lincoln that he would give up oing if it were not for disappointing the people hower expecting to see both him and General Grant's duties called at the residence of enator Ira Harris of New York for Miss Harris not believe with the gallery of beloony considerably.

The President and his friends passing through he more an

esident Lincoln took a seat in a high-back ed rocking chair at the window next the ry, Mrs. Lincoln sat to the right of her and and to her right at the other window, Miss Harris, while Major Rathbone sat just and and between Mrs. Lincoln and Miss

Wilkes Booth was a talented and dissi-young actor. He was of an extremely nal temperament and erratic mind. His se were very fine and his hands had a ne delicacy of which he was very proud. In actor he had free range of the theater times, and took advantage of this privilege te his preparations with the utmost care ectsion.

make his preparations with the utmost care in precision.

In the afternoon of the day of the fatal gredy he carefully removed most of the screws me the spring locks on the outside door of the eroom and on the door opening from the anterior into the President's box, and loosened the aining screws so that if necessary he might ly force open either or both these rs. The outside door of the anteroom and in, and as he had removed most of the was from the lock, he hid in the anteroom afternoon a piece of plank of just the right the to reach across the anteroom and propoutside door. It is believed that Spangler, seene shifter who helped him to escape from theater, assisted in these preparations. It a quarter past ten in the evening Booth lied for admission to the President's box was stopped by the attendant on guard out-the anteroom door. But he insisted, showed card and told the attendant that the Presit had sent for him, and so was admitted the anteroom.

lot.

rew a silver-mounted Derringer pistolinip pocket and a long double-edged daginside his vest.

essly he opened the door of the Presion and looked in upon the backs of the uspecting occupants all intent on watchplay. The President was laughing in-matured way at one of the many jokes the performance abounded.

his cocked pistol in his right hand ready m, and his left hand grasping the cruel stealthily as a cat creeping up on a

flight of stairs. Booth crossed the stage, passed between the scenes and along a passageway, stabbing victously at the two or three persons who tried to stop him, and went out through the back door of the building into the street. There he mounted a horse which a boy was holding for him, and galloped away over the Anacosta bridge, across the east branch of the Potomac, and made kood his escape into lower Maryland.

As the horrible truth dawned on that vast audience the scene became indescribable. At first they seemed stunned by amazement. As Booth leaped to the stage they heard a woman's scream from the President's box as Mrs. Lincoln fainted at the shock of the tragedy enacted by her side. The next instant Miss Harris in a clear voice announced from the front of the box that the President had been shot. Instantly confusion reigned supreme. The spectators were frenzied with excitement and feelings of mingled rage and grief. Some leaped upon the stage in pursuit of Booth shouting "Hang him!" Women shrieked, became hysterical, fainted; strong men wept aloud in grief, while the cooler-headed ones tendered their assistance to tuose in the President's box.

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Medical aid was at hand and the Surgeon General was quickly summoned. A hasty examination sufficed to show that although the President still breathed his wound was mortal, that there was no hope of his regaining consciousness and that he could not possibly survive more than a few hours.

Why on earth they did not summon a carriage or an ambulance and convey the President home to the White House seems unexplainable, but no one appears to have thought of it at the time. Everybody seemed to have been possessed by the one idea of removing the wounded man immediately from the scene of the murder. Without stopping even to improvise a stretcher three or four men took the President as best they could in their arms and carried him down and out into the street which now was fast filling with an excited throng. As those who were carrying him we carry him?" They paused for instructions, but received none, as no one seemed to know or to exercise any authority.

A man on the steps of a very ordinary lodging house across the street from the theater said, "Bring him here, into my room." And so the

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN AT FORD'S THEATER, APRIL 14, 1865.

dying President was brought into a small, poor room and laid on the bed. Mrs. Lincoln followed, overcome with grief. Soon the house was filled to overflowing with the members of the cabinet and other high officials. He died there at twenty-two minutes past seven the next morning.

Almost at the same minute that Booth shot Lincoln, a powerful young man by the name of Lewis Payne rode on horseback to the residence of W. H. Seward, Secretary of State, dismounted and pretending that he had a prescription for Mr. Seward, Secretary of State, dismounted and pretending that he had a prescription for Mr. Seward, secretary of State, dismounted and dashed up-stairs toward Mr. Seward's sick in bed, gained admission to the house, rushed past the servant and dashed up-stairs toward Mr. Seward's sick room. Mr. Seward's soon Fred met him at the top of the stairs and was shot at and then stunned by a blow from the pistol butt which broke his skull and nearly killed him. Reaching Mr. Seward's room Payne was opposed by Mr.

for serion, and his left hand grasping the cruel dagger, sealthily as a cat creeping up on slied. Booth sneaked up behind the President and resting his plated mothing the head just behind the plated to the plated but the plated but

Dear Sisters:
Your letters have helped me greatly, and I would love to answer but cannot afford the post-

age.

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The leaves of the oak and the willow shall fade, Be scattered around and together be laid; And the young and the old, and the low and the high, Shall molder to dust and together shall lie.

The infant a mother attended and loved, The mother that infant's affection who proved, The husband that mother and infant who bless Each, all, are away to their dwellings of rest.

The maid on whose cheek, on whose brow, in whose eye,
Shone beauty and pleasure—her triumphs are by;
And the memory of those who loved her and praised,
Are alike from the minds of the living erased.

The hand of the king that the scepter hath borne, The brow of the priest that the miter hath worn, The eye of the sage and the heart of the brave, Are hidden and lost in the depths of the grave.

The peasant whose lot was to sow and to reap,
The herdsman who climbed with his goats up the
steep.
The beggar who wandered in search of his bread,
Have faded away like the grass that we tread.

The saint who enjoyed the communion of heaven, The sinner who dared to remain unforgiven, The wise and the foolish, the guilty and just, Have quietly mingled their bones in the dust.

So the multitude goes, like the flower and the weed, That wither away to let others succeed; So the multitude comes, even those we behold, To repeat every tale that has often been told.

For we are the same that our fathers have been; We see the same sights that our fathers have seen. We drink the same stream and view the same sun, And run the same course that our fathers have run.

The thoughts we are thinking our fathers would think; From the death we are shrinking from, they too would shrink;

To the life we are clinging to, they too would cling; But it speeds from the earth like a bird on the wing.

They loved, but their story we cannot unfold; They scorned, but the heart of the haughty is cold. They grieved, but no wail from their slumbers will come: They joyed, but the voice of their gladness is dumb.

They died—ay! they died; and we things that are now, Who walk on the turf that lies over their brow, Who make in their dwelling a transient abode, Meet the changes they met on their pilgrimage road.

Yea! hope and despondency, pleasure and pain Are mingled together in sunshine and rain; And the smile and the tear, the song and the dirge, Still follow each other, like surge upon surge.

'Tis the twink of an eye, 'tis the draft of a breath From the blossom of health to the paleness of death. From the gilded salcon to the bier and the shroud—O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

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By special request from many of our readers we print the words of a few songs and will continue to do so each month as space allows. We invite our readers to send in the words of popular old songs which they think would please our six millions of readers. In copying, give each line of poetry a line by itself, do not run it in, as though solid. Please write on one side of paper only.

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They tell me, father, that tonight,
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That you will clasp her in your arms,
Where my dear mother died.

That she will lay her graceful head Upon your manly breast, Where she who now lies low in death, In life's last hours did rest.

They say her name is Mary, too,
The name my mother bore,
But father is she kind and true,
Like the one you loved before.

And is her step so soft and light, Her voice so meck and mild, And father do you think she'll love Your blind and helpless child?

Please father, do not bid me come
To meet your lovely bride,
For I could not meet her in the room
Where my dear mother died.

Her picture's hanging on the wall, Her books are lying near, And there's the harp her fingers touched, And there's her vacant chair.

The chair where by her side I knelt To say my evening prayer, Please father do not bid me come For I could not meet her there.

But when I've cried myself to sleep,
As now I often do,
Then softly to my chamber creep,
My new mamma and you,

Then bid her gently press a kiss
Upon my throbing brow,
Just as my own dear mother would,
Why papa, you're weeping now.

Now let me kneel down by your side And to the Saviour pray That God's right hand may guide you both, Thro's life's long, weary way.

The prayer was murmured and she said,
"I'm growing weary now."
He gently raised her in his arms,
And laid her on the bed.

Then, as he turned to leave the room
One joyful cry was given.
He turned and caught the last sweet smile,
For his blind child was in heaven.

They laid her by her mother's side,
And raised a marble fair,
And on it engraved these simple words,
"There'll be no blind ones there."
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Comfort's League of Cousins

officer looking for a piace on your knee.

I am we feet and four inches in height, have brown hair, dark gray eyes, light complexion, and weight about one hundred and five pounds.

Van Buren is a small, but old village in northwestern Ohio. It contains some very modern residences and three churches, two brick and one frame. I attend the United Brethern church, and am a member of the Choir.

We had election, recently, in our county on local option, and I am glad to say the result we for the right. If was a hard-fought but of the right. I was a law woman and that, taking an interest in this beautiful work. Now counts, if we had ten the was a way was but of the right. I was a law would be right of was a way was a law would was a way was a law would want of the right. I was a law would be right of was a way was a law would want of the right. I was a law would be right of was a way was a law would be right of was a way was a law would be right of was a way was a way was a

"Let us then be up and doing,"
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait."
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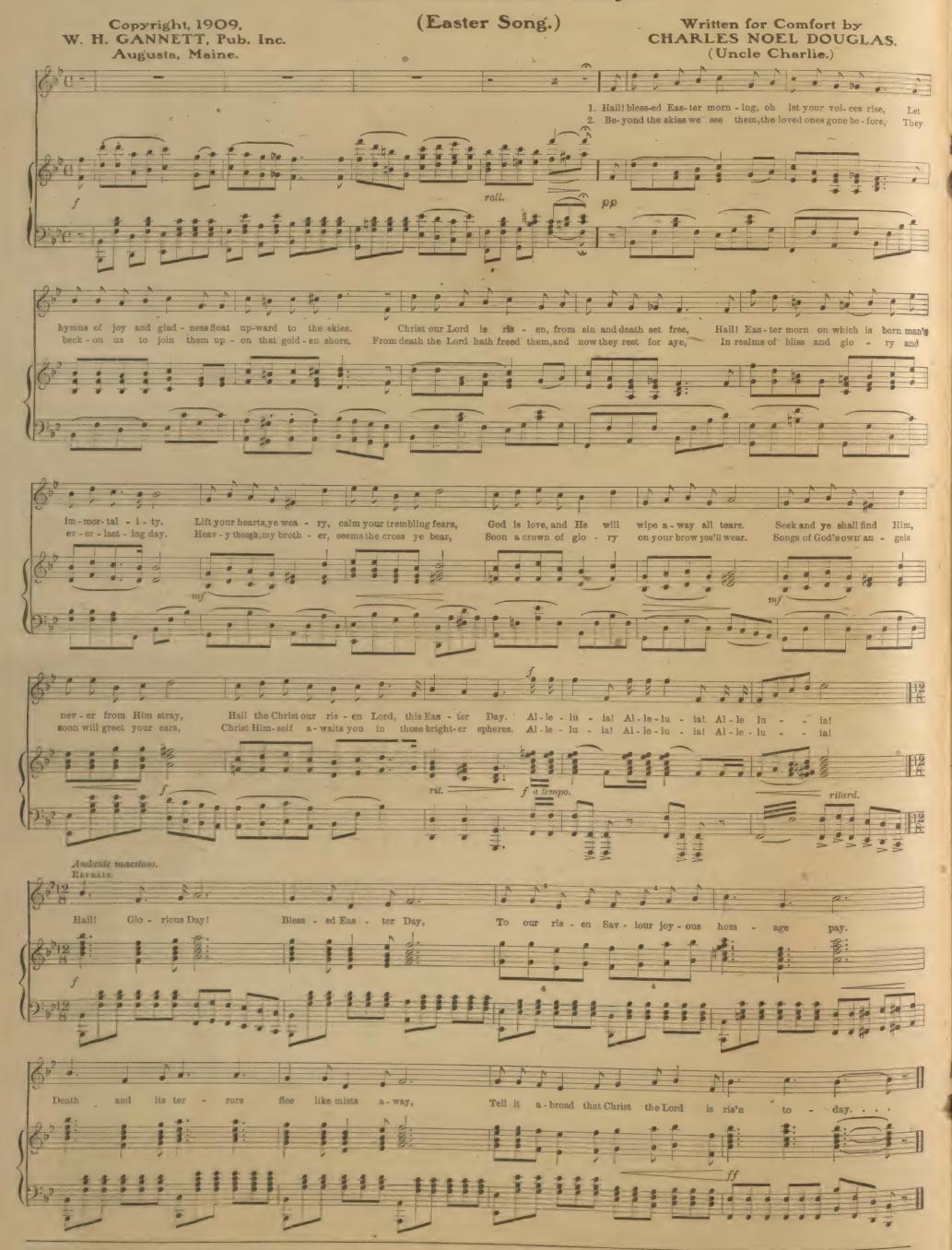
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CHAPTER I.

OOD BY, Ruth, I know that some day you will be sorry that you did not trust me, and believe me when I telr you that you are well as the provided of the provid

Ruth looked at her mother. There she lay, unconscious, moaning slightly, but utterly oblivious to the tragedy that had Just been enacted by her side. Throwing herself by her father, Ruth tried to rub life into his cold hands but the death chill seemed to freeze the blood in her own veins. What could he have meant? Had her mother's illness turned his brain? He the cause of her attack! Why her mother had always been the ido! of his heart. Every trouble, every pain had been spared her, if he possibly could. What did it all mean?

Just then the doctor's footsteps were heard. Ruth ran out to meet him.

Oh, doctor, something terrible has happened to father! I am afraid that he is dying. Tell me that you can save him. Dear doctor, do!". The doctor bent gravely over the prostrate figure but it did not take a second to see that life was extinct.

"Come, Ruth, this is no place for you, your father is beyond all earthly help, William and I will remove him to another room and then you can return and watch over your mother. My poor child, I am sorry for you, but I fear that your mother's state is critical, too."

"Oh, doctor, what does it all mean? Father told me that he had caused my mother's stroke. Was his mind affected by her sudden attack?"

"No, Ruth, your father had sad news to tell your mother, and the shock of it brought on the paralysis, and so he has blamed himself ever save her, for the love of Heaven, save her! I cannot live if she dies too."

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"My dear child, I will do all that I can, but her frequently with alcohol, it may help her, and give her in the morning. I am glad that you are home, for I know that you will keep faithful watch over her, and

home, for I know that you will keep fathful watch over her, and note any change that may occur."

Ruth threw off her coat, for up to this moment she had never thought of herself, and sat down by her mother's side. "In God's hands." How the words rang in her ears. No one could help her but God. She would ask Him. Down on her knees she sank and cried aloud in earnest supplication that the dear life be saved. Sobbingly she arose, and glanced at the sick one, from whose lips groan after groan pierced the air, but the eyes were dazed, and did not recognize that the one that she loved best was bending over her.

"Faith without works is dead." Ruth looked up startled. Did someone speak? She felt sure that she heard that text spoken aloud. Again she glanced at the sick one. Had she indeed faith enough to believe, after what the doctor had said, that her mother could come out of this comatose state and regain life and power? Yes, she was sure that she had. She felt that God could and would answer her prayer. She had prayed and now she must supplement her prayer and faith by words. She sprang up and took the alcohol bottle and bathed the paralyzed limbs, as she rubbed she prayed, and it seemed that she could feel herself rubbing life into the deadened limbs. While she was working with all of her strength, the eyes changed, a look of intelligence came into them and the dear voice whispered: "Ruth!"

With a cry of joy. Ruth sprang up but the eyes closed again, and she apparently such into a rest.

home, your father thought he would not right you by telegraphing; he expected to meet you, but your mother was too ill for him to leave her side."

What a rude awakening from her dream of sunshine! Ruth's heart fell like a lump of lead. Her mother sick! She had never known her to be so before. She piled William with questions all the way home.

"Is mother unconscious? Will she know me, william?" she tearfully asked.

"Yes, miss she is unconscious, she knows no one, but seems to be in a stupor, but does not suffer any pain."

Ruth groaned aloud; it seemed as if they would never reach the house, which was three miles never reach the house, which was three miles never reach the house, which was three miles to her as she started for her, her cheeks were visit. How well she looked when the waved farewell worther, how she looked when the waved farewell worther, how she looked when the waved farewell worther, how she admired her most her long anticipated to her as she started for her, her cheeks were visit. How well she looked the high shining through. With the mother's lowe or bright and blue, with the mother's lowe or bright and blue, with the mother's lowe as general favorite, she had a smile for rich and poor, and many as and a smile for rich and poor, and many and as mile for rich and poor, and many and as mile for rich and poor, and many and as mile for rich and poor, and many and he well she house was reached Ruth sprang up the steps two at a bound and never stopped until she reached her mother's bedside. Her father was sitting by the bed, and when the arose to greet Ruth, she gave a cry of horror, for the face was that of a dead man! Haggard and white, his eyes bearing a look of untiterable anguish, he cried aloud:

"Batt! Ruth! I have killed her! My child, I have killed your mother! Do you hear, it is the howe we will save our house, land when the arose to greet Ruth, she gave a cry of horror, for the face was that of a dead man! Haggard will mother, last you think? Surely we still have our house, it was hour

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understand such secrecy on such an important matter.

"No, Harold, I do not want such love as yours. You may go. I will not have you meet my mother. Go to the girl you expect to meet in Italy, and never let me hear from you again!" she cried, almost too angry to know what she was saying.

Harold looked at her in astonishment. He had no idea that she could get into such a temper, and the hot blood mounted to his face at her insinuation, as he held out his hand to her, saying:

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"Well, good by, then, Ruthle, when you know all you will find that you and you only are the idol of my heart, and you will regret your harshness of today."

But Ruth turned obdurately away, not once looking back, for she knew in her heart that she would yield if she saw again those pleading eyes, but her studdown pride hardened her heart, and she never stopped until she reached her mother's room, crying heart-brokenly.

"It is all over, mother, ilarold does not love me. He came only to say good by, for he is going to Italy, and will not even teil me his reasons for going, although he says they prevent him from asking your consent to our marriage. I have sent him away, teiling him that I never want to see or hear from him again, but, oh, mother, pity me, my heart is broken. I love him! The strain had been too much, Ruth fell at her mother's feet, in a death-like swoon, from which she awakened in a raging fever, which kept her between life and death for many a day, while Harold was steaming away to Italian skies to unravel the tangled threads of his life's mystery.

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"Why. Ruth, there has been a change! Your mother may get well."

Ruth sank on her knees and gave thanks for this ray of hope, and all through those sad days, and when she had to follow her father to his last resting place, the hope that her mother would be spared to her, helped her to bear up, and strengthened her in her sorrow.

She wrote to Harold of her terrible bereavement and anxiety, and received in reply such a loving letter of comfort and sympathy that her heart thrilled with love and emotion. He told her that on Easter Sunday he would come to hear the happiest man in all the country. Ruth blushed as she read the loving lines, and sad as she was, began to count the hours already to that eventful day.

The improvement with Mrs. Glendenning was very slow, at first, but after she regained her soe of her limbs. Before the time for Harold's arrival she was strong enough for Ruth to tell her all about her handsome lover and his contemplated visib.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

bert Maurice, a Confederate general, dies, Leaving a and daughter, Marcia. At seventeen, Marcia meets on Kent. There is a clandestine marriage.

a. Maurice is called from Europe by the death of her seer, Robert Mitchell, whose wite, Eliza is sheltered from Marcia. Eliza intercedes with ter. It is returned unopened. Dr. Eggleston and op Vivian plead for Marcia. The latter gives Mrs. rice a letter. Marcia is dying, and he asks the ner to be merciful. Mrs. Maurice writes the word, ne." Marcia Kent is brought home. Three days is he dies in her mother's arms, and Eglah Kent is no to the care of the foster-mother, Eliza. El Herriott visits Mrs. Maurice and brings papers uncing Judge Kent's marriage to his stepmother, Nina Herriott. Noel Herriott will be friendly with the She only wants her father. Eliza is wakened a sound sleep by Eglah. She hears her grander call "Egbert," "Marcia." They enter the metal chamber where Mrs. Maurice sits in the silence death consecrates. Eliza guards Eglah. Two years Mrs. Kent is suddenly killed. "Father" Temple, in to Judge Kent, invites Noel Herriott to Calvary se. He inquires of Eglah and her religious tenden. Noel advises him to let the child pick her own to peace.

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Ay, he will come! I cannot make him dead." reserving the heart learned, then seemed to for-seat. A voice rise, to low, unmistakable, from the arched gallery beyond the little wy opening into the chapt?

e over."
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'Herrisott, you saw life into me that awful the after you carried me in your arms behind show drift, rubbed my frozen hands, and tied r last dog to my legs to keep me warm shall be light. It shall be light! How the song ared and echoed in the terrible slience of the desert, as if spirits of the saw caught up the

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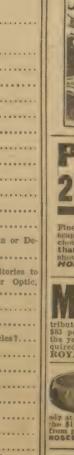


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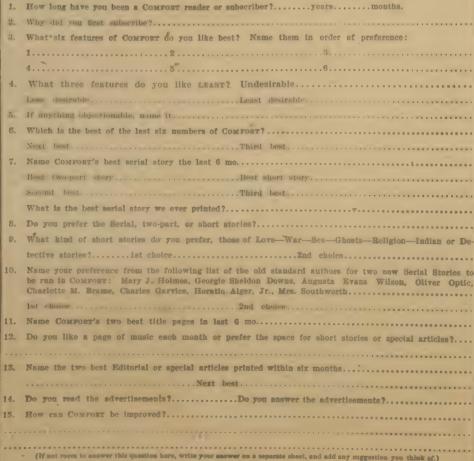




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Starkville, Miss.—If you want your to have a good time, of course, you body to call. Where dld you get the bould not?

and girls of that age almost commit a crime in marrying. (3) It is very nice for a boy to take his sister
to places when she has no other company, and we
tothe sister's company. The boy that is good to his
tister will be good to his wife if she will let him.

M. E. S., Rexburg, Idaho.—The girl was justified in
tetting angry when you told her it was unladylike
to the ask your son in a crowd to treat her. You
ust make due allowance for boys and girls and most
it all let them settle their own scraps. If your son is
to take care of himself with the girls, you
und keep him at home and look after him there,
hat you should do now is to apologize to the girl, and
g her to make a man of your boy if she can.

J. K., Litchfield, Minn.—Though in love yon
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sizes and you can choose for yourself. (2) The man is introduced to the lady unless he is a very old man, or a distinguished one. (3) It is very pleasant to a man for a lady whom he has met for the first time to tell him when they have talked together a little that she is glad to have met him and hopes she will see him again. It is a kindly compliment and is better than a rule of ctiquette.

When in El Reno do as the El Renobility do. See?

Alice, Syracuse, N. Y.—When at a dance, where anyone may go, rules of propriety don't count for much and you may do as you please. If you want to observe rules of ctiquette you will not go to such public dances, because etiquette prescribes that kind. In a mixed crowd you have to mix your etiquette and, not knowing who people are, you must take chances on applying rules that do not fit. For example: If you dance with a bank clerk this time, you can't hand out his style of etiquette to the plumber's apprentice with whom you may dance mext. Comprenez vous? Society of this sort is a whole lot harder to fit into just right than the ordinary regular society. Did you ever try the other kind?

The Pretty Girls' Club

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Ugly.—I'm afraid a turned up nose cannot helped unless you have a surgical operation. cover your knuckles with flesh, soak hands in bowl of hot olive oil for fifteen minutes each day.

Miss Anna H.—Have prescription for skin food put by druggist. Cannot give addresses in these lumns.

Lee.—To plumpen the body by massage is tedious work and will take a long, long time. Why not take the Milk Diet?

Miss Gertie and Pet L.—I will write an article on dimples shortly. Put uncut end of lead pencil to dimple, press and hold so for afteen minutes. This will make your damples more preminent.

Pet. L.—You said five feet — inches tall. How many inches? I cannot tell whether you are too stout or not unless I know exact height. J. J.—This bandoline will make your hair tempora rely curly.

Bandoline

Tragacanth, three fourths ounce; resewater, one pint; oil of almond, one half dram.

Moisten hair with this and put up in curlers.

Ora P.—Brushing teeth with lonen juice once a week is said to whiten them. I see that is enough of the almond meal to make a paste, that is enough to cover face. See reply to Brown Eyes, Eau Claire, Wis. Here is a good face cream:

Pace Cream

One fourth ounce white wax, two and one half ounces spermanely, two and one half ounces of of sweet at mostly, one and one half ounces rose water, one drop atter of rose.

Pale Girl .- Here is a good rouge:

Miss Mary, Penllyn, Payou stouter. You are just Eyes, Eau Claire, Wis. P

but around ears draw closer to the head.

Mrs. Mabel C.—I do not know the cream you mention. The skin food of the woman in Chicago is good. Hair Restorer should be "one half pint Elder flower water." You might try this.

Mrs. Emma M.—See reply to Mamie M., Wis. Stop using cream you mention. Get this put up:

Spermaceti, one half ounce; white wax, one half ounce; sweet almond oil, two ounces; lanoline, one ounce, cocoanut oil, one ounce; tincture of benzoin, three drops; orange flower water, one ounce. Massage across wrinkles. Bee reply to Eyes, Eau Claire. See hot water treatment recommended to Mamie M., Wis.

Lake George, New York.—Birthmarks can be removed sometimes by electricity.

The Girl.—For a rough, perckly skin, try daily massage with good skin food and then use the Beauty Bags.

Happy Wife.—Rub eyebrows with castor-oil to increase growth.

Tillie Harold .- I cannot help you, dearie.

Mrs. R. J. G.—I agree with you about the cream you throw away. Do not use office oil for the face; it makes the skin harsh. See reply to Miss Anna Iroquois. Tie a silk thread tightly about base of wart. It will disappear in a day or two. See reply to Mamie M., Wis.

Blue Eyes .- Drink milk. Pull hairs out with twee

Miss Mabel G.—You are pretty, so don't worry. Bleach hair with Peroxide of Hydrogen.

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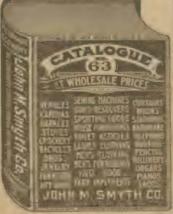


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In order that each cousin may be answered in this column, no cousin must ask more than three questions in one Month,

OW cometh the April showers that bringeth the sweet May flowers and I hope all of you are cheering up with the springtime in sight and are beginning to think how lovely it is to be a summer girl. My, my, you don't cealize what it is to be young and to live in apringtime. I'll venture most of you right this minute are anxious for the years to hurry by so you will be old enough for goodness knows what, I don't. But wait till you get old enough to know better and then you will wish to be young again. However, we never seem to be too old or too young not to work, so here we go at it.

The first is from Cousin Emily of Litchfield, Minn., and she wants to know if she should break her engagement with the young man abe loves because he has such a poor education that he can't write his name correctly. Certainly she should not, but as a test of his love for her, she should postpone the marriage until he gets a little schooling. For that matter, why doesn't she take him in hand herself and teach him of nights, instead of spooning as most young people is love do? Ignorance is no crime, but it almost is when people can learn and won't.

Inquisitor, Bismarck, N. Dak.—If she didn't want to be kissed by the young man in public it would be proper to refuse the candy he offered afterwards. (2) Wen a young man is always talking to one girl about another, it is pretty safe to say he likes the one best that he talks of, no matter how attentive he is to the other. (3) Better not exchange post cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per the second of the same people cards with unknown people unless they are girl per

tue Bell, Veve, Mo.—Why do you want to have the us fellow come to see you? If you are wise and t to be happy the less you have to do with a us sweetheart, or husband, the better of you

till be.

Distressed Della, Denver, Colo.—I think it would be a safe venture to marry him. However, as you be not nineteen yet, suppose you wait for a couple years, as he is willing to wait. You mustn't be of fairly about the kind of a man you like most, hen a real good one is wanting you.

Despair, Bowling Green, Ky.—I think, my dear, as on do that he is a "triffer". You won't die if you we him up. Try it and see. You are always quarreles as sweethearts, and do you think you will do any there when you are married. Much better a broken gagement than a divorce. You have sense a-plenty, you will only use it.

Bawn, Abbotsford, Wis.—As long as your lid not object to your cooking for your beau. I belection. There are lots of girls who couldn't much for their beaus. I hope you cook well a accomplishment. Surely, you may ask your take you to a dance or for a ride, but why the ask you?

I Hair, Lexington, Miss.—Please don't ask simply to be asking them. Have a reason. Is means lots of the other cousins, as well

G. O. De Witt. Neb.—Good habits and a good character are ever so much better and more reliable than money. Good habits and good character may be the money never brings the others. I think you should continue your riesdaship with the young fellow and marry bim by and by it that is to be the result.

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Sympathy and help are all right, but not a few women are sorry amough now that they hadn't more head than heart. I guess you understand.

Sweetheart, Curlew, Wash.—Why drop him if you have been will do. Don't crowd him. (2) No love him, or think you do, ever! Wait a while and see what he will do. Don't crowd him. (2) No lesising unless you are passed on try."

Mat of Tears, Sauk Center, Minn.—Well, if you are a girl of any spirit you will tell your friend Mr. Be to go to grass. and you'll have Junt as many beams as you please and all the good times that are going. The Mr. B. kind of men make me tired.

Teena, Elma, Wash.—You are just at the silly age, my dear, and the best thing you can do is to obey your parents and continue with your books. You'll be sorry enough some day, if you don't, and so will they, and you may now be day. If you don't, and so will they, and you may now be day to wone will be man who gets you.

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cars. I have answered all your quest those which had to be sent to other, and I just know everyone of you is tissfled with the answers, because I ded anybody, have I? Anyway, it was r the best, and now, by by, till we and talk our troubles over together. Dod Lord bless you all.

COUSIN MARION.

Lady Isabel's Daughter Or,

For Her Mother's Sin A Sequel to "East Lynne"

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and darkened the name of Beresford Still ne, with the before him, with the before him, with the before him, with the standers have bright young peer whose stainless how been his glory, knew that the shadow which had darkened his young life, was now spreading across the horizon and shadowing the brightness across the horizon across the horizon across the horizon across the horizon and shadowing the brightness across the horizon a

first time my lord lifted his eyes,

It was not her fault, Lionel—you are man enough to see that."

For the first time my lord lifted his eyes, for the first time he spoke.

"It was not her fault," he answered hollowly. "But God help and pity me, the shame is there still—nothing can wash that out—nothing—nothing. Ah, Heaven, and I was so proud of my spotless name, so proud of my honor, so proud of—of—her. It is well to know that this—this creature here is not her mother, well to know that I am spared that shame, but—but he exists—the—this lilegitimate brother, this living evidence of her mother's sin."

Archibald Carlyle bowed his head and groaned.

"Yes, he exists," he echeed hollowly. "Nothing can wash that out. Sir Francis Levison's child exists, for I have seen him. Between these wretches they have blasted my child's life—the shameful history is known to the world at last, nothing can come from hiding it, and I shall punish the guilty to the fullest of the law. This wretched woman—Sir Francis Levison's son—Lady Rosamond—her mother—all shall be hounded down, all shall be brought to justice and punished according to their deeds."

He lifted his clenched hand as he spoke, a ring of determination echoed through his voice, and then—then there was a little feminine cry of terror, a rustle of gaudy silks, a clasping of frantic hands, and Lasylphine went down on her knees before him.

"Mercy, mercy," she panted. "Don't send me to prison, Mr. Carlyle, promise me you won't, and I'll make a clean breast of the whole thing. Say you won't of it, Mr. Carlyle—just say you won't now, and I'll tell you something, that'll lift Lady Isabel Beresford out of the shame of this, and baffie the Countess of Mount Severn entirely. Promise me you won't send me to jail—please promise me you won't, and I'll trun the tables and blow the whole plot."

Archibald Carlyle looked down sternly.

"You deserve the worst the law can give you," he said, huskily; "but if you baffie her—it you balk the Countess of Mount Severn, I promise you I will let you go."

Lasylphine uttered a b



whose love for you has been as limitless as the ocean, as constant as the stars, there can come to you one gleam of tenderness, one spark of pity for your miserable wife, pray that the death she goes forth to seek may come to her soon. Good by, and God ever bless you, my husband. After tonight you will be free forever from my wretched shadow. You have killed me, but I forgive you, and from that other life to which I am going from the awful atonement of thisgoing with nothing for you but the tenderest and truest love—be assured you shall have the prayers of the wretched woman who carries a double secret with her, and who signs herself for the last time in this world,

"Your constant and ever faithful wife,"

There the letter gold and dronning it with a

There the letter ended, and dropping it with a breathless cry, Archibaid Carlyle staggered to his feet.

"Gone to death!" he broke out, wildly. "Isabel, my child, come back to me—come back!"

He staggered across the room as he spoke, flung open the door, and rushed frantically down the corridor in pursuit of his child.

Only a few short yards. The outer door swung softly open, my lady Rosamond and her guilty mother came tripping lightly in, and springing forward he dragged her to the library door.

"Your work, devil! All yours!" he shrieked, as he pointed to those two stark figures lying there.

"Murderess! Your crimes have found you out—your accomplice has betrayed you!"

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King Carl arose and looked out on the storm. The waters were lashing themselves against the rocks and the wind crept forward with the might of some evil passion sweeping over the heart of man.

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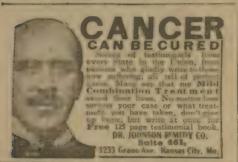


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scarlet settling upon each sallow cheek.

"And she told you nothing but the truth, Miriam, for the seal was unbroken when she gave me the package to return to you. My wife has never read a single line that is written there. No one knows anything of its contents save you and me," Sir William replied, sternly, and then he told her how he had happened to discover the nature of its contents, after which he felt justified in reading enough more to confirm the suspicions that one line had aroused.

"You have proved yourself a very unwomanly woman, Mirian," said her brother, with cold gravity. "Your nature, aside from the affection which you have for your children, is wholly selfish; it has become warped—degraded. You have not only hardened yourself against all honor and sisterly affection, but you have committed the most reprehensible crimes to further your miserable schemes.

"The wrong you did my young wife years ago,"

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"The wrong you did my young wife years ago, the insults you offered her, the falsehood and even theft of which you were guilty in sending that hundred pounds to her, the intercepting of our letters, are things that I can never overlook."

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"Do you dare to accuse me of theft?" interrupted Lady Linton, bridling. "You gave me that hundred pounds for charitable purposes."

"I gave you that hundred pounds to use for the poor girl who was injured in that railway accident, and you stole it to add insult to injury. You mocked and scorned a woman who was your superior in every way—in whose veins there was as good blood as in your own, notwithstanding your boasted preeminence, and I grow cold with shame and horror every time I think of that paltry sum that you sent her, when I had brought back thousands of her money with me to England. Mr. Alexander left a small fortune to his daughter and I have had it in my possession ever since."

Lady Linton looked up aghast at this information. It was the first she had ever heard of that matter.

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"You begin to appreciate something of what I have suffered," he continued, as he noticed the look, "but you can never begin to realize the misery which you brought upon two loving hearts so long separated; and to think that for more than eighteen years I was a father and never once looked upon the face of my child. Miriam, I can never overlook it. You have forfeited all respect from me, all claim upon me, and Heathdale can no longer be your home—you must go elsewhere to live, for I will not subject my wife to the constant companionship of one who has done her such irrefarable wrong."

"William Heath, will you turn me out from my home, where I was born?" cried the miserable woman, almost fiercely.

"Your home?" he returned, severely. "For how many years have you cheated my dear ones out of their home—out of the love and sheltering care which should have been theirs? While my wife was toiling to earn her own support and to make provision for my child, you were spending money which rightfully belonged to them, with a lavish, almost reckless, hand, and rearing your children amid the luxury of which you had maliciously deprived them. I have family pride enough to provide for your needful support, for I cannot see you suffer; so I will fit up Fernleigh Lodge for your use while you live, and settle upon you an annuity of two hundred pounds—"

"Two hundred pounds!" interrupted Lady Linton, in a tone of horror.

"Yes. With economy, that will be sufficient for your individual needs," replied Sir William, coldly. "I will give Lillian as much more until her marriage, when I shall hope to add something to the sum."

His sister's face was almost convulsed with rage at this announcement. She had never imagined any descent in the world so dreadful as this. She had spent three times the amount now offered her in a single year upon her own wardrobe, and now she was expected to provide her whole support out of

sewing so verse the order for verse the order for lave named will have to answer to increase it."

Lady Linton groaned at this inflexible verdict, while she writhed beneath his cutting words as if under a lash.

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She could no longer shine in society, for there would be no means for providing the necessary accessories—dresses, jewels, laces, and the hundred other things she so dearly loved and had always had for the simple asking.

Her brilliant daughter, too, who had been so admired in the gay circles they had frequented, would have to drop out of her orbit now and be forgotten, while there would be no opportunity for her to make a distinguished marriage, which had been the acme of her mother's ambition.

"What will the world think? William, how can you be so cruel? It will blight all Lillian's prospects," she sobbed.

"If by blighting Lillian's prospects you mean that Lord Ernest Rathburn will give her the cold shoulder, it will be a good thing to have them nipped in the bud, for the fellow is devoid of both brains and principle, and has absolutely nothing but his plethoric purse to recommend him to anyone. I would much prefer to have her never marry than become the wife of such a coxcomb. As for your charge of cruelty, I must say it ill becomes you to make that complaint; you have been very extravagant during the last few years, and—the study of economy will not harm you; besides, it is no more than right that my daughter should now enjoy the full benefit of her inheritance, which your children have so long usurped; not that I regret anything that I have done for them, for they are both dear to me, and I shall always be deeply interested in their welfare. Will you go to Fernleigh, Miriam?"

She would have been glad to reject his offer with scorn, but it was that or nothing.
"I suppose there is nothing else for me to do," she walled, and Sir William arose to leave her, uttering a sigh over this new evidence of her total selfishness.

He lost no time in fitting up the lodge, which was a small but cozy and convenient house, about five miles from Heathdale.

Virgie very kindly interested herself in all the arrangements, for Lady Linton would not make a sugge

Lillian, however, showed a much better spiri

try which she had once affected to so despise.

Mr. Knight and his sister paid Lady Heath a visit in March, and were overjoyed to find all her sorrow at an end and the future looking so bright.

They were persuaded to remain until after the marriage of Rupert and Virgle, which was to occur about Easter.

A grand wedding had been arranged, and after a tour on the Continent the young couple were to reside at Englewood for a portion of each year and spend the remainder with Sir William and Lady Heath at their town house in London.

Lillian was invited to officiate as chief bridesmaid, assisted by the Misses Huntington and the Duke of Falmouth's eldest daughter, while, of course, Harry Webster was to be best man.

The ceremony occurred in the fine old church at Heathdale, which was crowded with the elite of the county for miles around, for a report of the beauty of the heiress of Heathdale had spread far and near

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Virgle, in her bridal robes, seemed the "fairest that e'er the sun shone on." and no one looking into her dark eyes, so full of a calm, trustful joy, or noting the fond, proud smile upon her young husband's face, could doubt that these were

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There was a brilliant reception afterward in the grand old manslon of which Sir William was so justly proud, and the servants were heard to declare that a finer wedding had never occurred within the memory of the oldest among them.

As Virgle came down-stairs, after exchanging her bridal dress for a traveling suit. Sir William met her in the hall and drew her into the library for a few last words. He put a package into her hands and then drawing her to his breast, he said, with great tenderness:

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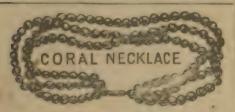
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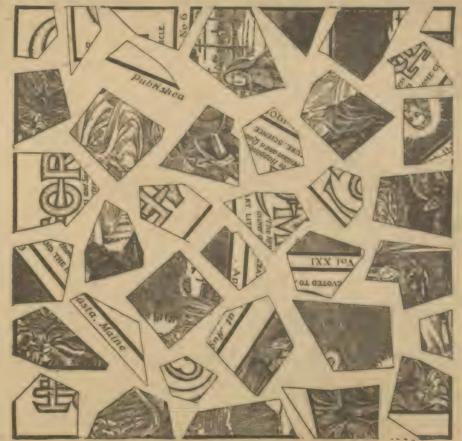
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These Monthly Prizes are Likely to Be Doubled or Thribbled for you, in exact accordance with our original November Prize Offer which we stand up to in every particular.

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We have been paying these prizes every month since last November, doubling many and thribbling others. If you have not entered already do not fall to enter now. It is just the time to enter for the April monthly Cash Prizes. It is a separate contest each month for a separate list of monthly prizes, and so you stand just as good a chance to win an April cash prize if you enter now for the first time as though you had entered last month or any month before.

But if you won a monthly prize in the March contest you cannot afford to drop out in April, because we shall pay you double the amount of any monthly prize you win in April.

If you won the same prize in February and in March there is the further inducement for you to enter and make a vigorous try in April, because if you win the same prize again in April we pay you three times the amount of your April prize.

What Doubling Up Did for Mr. E. Wagoner

He won the second prize, \$25.00, in November, and we paid him. Then in December he won the first prize, \$50.00, and we doubled it for him and paid him \$100.00. Then in January he dropped back to second place again and won the second prize of \$25.00, but we doubled it and sent him our \$50.00 check. Again in February he won the second prize of \$25.00 and again we doubled it and sent him our \$50.00 check which is reproduced in facsimile on this page. The total prizes which he won for the four months amounted to just \$125.00, but because of doubling of the last three we paid him \$225.00 in cash besides all the regular club premiums. | two months.



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FIRST. Send in your subscription clubs, large or small, as you can second. In mailing subscriptions intended for the prize competition. Be SURE to address them all to COM-FORT PRIZE DEPARTMENT, Augusta, Maine. If you do not, we shall not know that they are for the prize

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BUT THIS IS BIGGER STILL

Alice Winters entered in December and won the second prize of 825.00 for that month. It was her first winning and we paid her 825.00.

In January she won the first prize of 850.00 which we doubled and sent her our \$100.00 cheek. In February she won the \$50.00 first prize again, and we doubled it again and sent her our \$100.00 cheek which is reproduced in facsimile on this page. She has won three prizes amounting to \$125.00 all told, but we have doubled the last two and have paid her \$225.00, and if she wins the \$50.00 first prize again in March we shall thribble it and pay her \$150.00 on April 7th, and \$150.00 again for April if she continues to win the first prize. The same rule of doubling and thribbling applies to all the monthly prizes. Why do you not enter now and do likewise?

Mrs. Rollie Forsha won a prize of \$1.00 in December, and this encouraged her to make a little more effort with the result that she won the third prize of \$10.00 in January, which was doubled for her and we sent her our \$20.00 cheek, which was reproduced in facsimile in March COMFORT.

Why Don't You Enter Now and Do This or Better Yourself?

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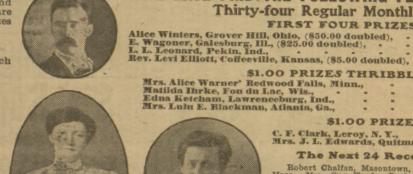
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